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1896.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in joint session, at Newport, R. I., commencing on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 12th, 1896. The Clerk of the Women's Meeting being absent, Deborah P. Atherton is appointed to fill the vacancy for the present sitting.

2. By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz.:—

From Rhode Island — Charles W. Earle, Charles A. Chace, Augustine Jones, Ellen K. Buffum, Charles Estes, M. Augusta Battey, Anna L. Manchester, Obadiah Chace, Louisa N. Meader, Walter F. Chace, Catherine Green, Robert P. Gifford, Benjamin Green, Jos. S. Anthony, Robert B. Hanson, Phebe R. Gifford, Esther Chace, Electa Jane Collins, Frank E. Jones, Samil R. Buffinton, Mary C. Arnold, Edwin J. Lord, Jos. H. Atwater

From Salem — William O. Newhall, Owen Dame, Deborah W. Crosman, Alice W. Maxfield, Anna M. Gove, John Ellwood Paige, John Willis Fowler, Jennie W. Crosman, Daniel C. Maxfield, Joshua Buxton, Gillah Binns, Olney T. Meader, Mary J. Buxton, Chas. H. Thorndike, Jennie T. Bishop, John F. Chase, Eliza C. Gardner, Huldah S. Buxton, George A. Crosman.

From Sandwich:— Arnold S. Tripp, John B. Baylies, Joshua L. Macomber, John A. Macomber, Wm P. Macomber, Stephen R. King, N. Hervey Wilbur, William Thompson, Thomas F. Haffard, John C. Taylor, Philip A. Cornell, Anna S. Wood, Rachel S. Howland, Mary Haffard, Alice R. Howland, Susan S. Tripp, Susan T. Thompson, Eloise A. Haffard, Susan F. Hoxie, Adelade V. Wilbur, Sarah F. Potter, Lydia Gifford, Susan B. Kirby, Mary C. Baylies, Cynthia A. Kirby, Elizabeth C. King

From Falmouth — John H. Hall. John J. Frye
Nathan Douglas. William H. Douglas. Ezra Hawkes
Henry F. Newell, Ellison R. Purdy. Alice W. Hawkes
Sarah N. Newlin. Lewis N. Douglas. Melvin M. Bailey
Mary A. Maxfield, Lettie M. Bailey. Elizabeth M. Frye
Geo. H. Farr Lucy J. Lunt. Hannah M. Goddard
William E. Watson Eliza B. Douglas. Anna F. Hall

From Smithfield — Henry D. Swift Isaac Steere
William P. Pinkham Mary A. Batty. Alice M. Dow
Abigail Wheeler, Salome E. Wheeler A. Eben Phelps
Sarah J. Wheeler, Susan E. Wheeler Susie M. Wheeler
John Metcalfe William Aldrich.

From Vassalboro — William H. Cates Zaccheus Goddard
Henry H. Goddard Etta S. Cates James S. Estes
William A. Jones Anna M. Jones Eliza P. Pierce
Emma F. R. Goddard, Elizabeth K. Jones.

From Dover — William P. Tuttle, Almira B. Buffum
Samuel Buffum. Ellen Bangs George Estes
Anna M. Hussey, William V. Ware, Sarah V. Meader
Emeline H. Tuttle.

From Fairfield: — Joseph E. Briggs. C. Irving Bailey
Paul Wing Martha B. Osborne. Olive M. Tuttle
Mary C. Hawkes. Elizabeth M. Hawkes. Augustus F. Morse
Jesse McPherson.

From Parsonsfield — John B. Cartland. Silas H. Cartland
Ira Tilton Melissa S. Dearborn, Elizabeth S. Hoag
Emily M. Jones, Alice M. Tilton.

Whose names being called, one hundred and fourteen were present, and twenty-two absent, for the absence of eight of whom satisfactory reasons were assigned.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our friends in the ministry, Mary Jane Weaver, from New York Yearly Meeting: William

L. Wilson and George Wood, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting; Susie Norris Fitkin and J. Walter Malone, from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Robert W. Douglas, from Indiana Yearly Meeting; David Tatum, from Western Yearly Meeting; Matilda W. Atkinson, from Iowa Yearly Meeting; and Richard Haworth, from Kansas Yearly Meeting, who have presented satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as ministers and with their present religious engagements. We have also the acceptable company of our friend Abram T. Fitkin, companion to his wife Susie Norris Fitkin.

4. The subject of furnishing our friends in attendance of this Meeting from other Yearly Meetings, with returning minutes, if way should open for it, is referred to the following committee, viz: William P. Pinkham, Charles H. Jones, William O. Newhall, Susan P. Thompson, Henry C. Aydelott, Charles H. Thorndike, Phebe S. Aydelott, Ellen K. Buffum.

5. We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Owen Dame, John A. Macomber, Lewis M. Douglas, D. Wheeler Swift, Eliza P. Pierce, William C. Ware, Augustus F. Morse and John B. Cartland, a committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present time, and to propose a Friend for Treasurer, also to propose a Friend for Treasurer of the Boarding School Funds at Providence, and another for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary at Vassalboro.

6. The following changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings during the past year, as reported in their accounts to this Meeting, viz:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Adeline F. Chace, Benjamin A. and Rachel P. Chace to the station of Elder, and the same Meeting furnishes the following information, viz: - That the Preparative Meeting

on Ministry and Oversight of that Meeting has been changed from Fourth-day afternoon to Fifth-day afternoon before the Monthly Meeting preceding each Quarterly Meeting, at two o'clock, and held continuously at Fall River. The time of holding Swansea Preparative Meeting has been changed from Fifth-day afternoon to Third-day evening, from Fourth Month first to Tenth Month first, at 7 o'clock, and from Tenth Month first to Fourth Month first, at 7.30 o'clock. The time for holding the mid-week Meeting for worship at Fall River has been changed from Fourth-day afternoon, at 3 o'clock, to Fifth day evening, at 7.30 o'clock. It has united with Providence Monthly Meeting in their proposed change in the time of holding their Monthly Meeting from 11 o'clock A. M. on the Fourth-day preceding the last Fifth-day in each month, at Providence, to 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon on the last Seventh-day of each Month, at the same place, the Preparative Meeting to occur in the week preceding the Monthly Meeting, said change to be for one Year, beginning with Fifth Month, 1896.

Salem Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of nine, and with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of five associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; with Weare Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Charles H. Thorndike, and with the same meeting in the appointment of Hannah E. Chase and Abigail H. Osborne to the station of Elder, and with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William Wood to the same station. Joseph H. Peck, a minister, has been received by certificate to Salem Monthly Meeting from Ohio Yearly Meeting. The hour for holding Salem Monthly Meeting in the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Months of the present year has been changed to 7.30 P. M.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has appointed David W. Potter, correspondent, in place of Ephraim Gifford, deceased, P.O. address, Dartmouth, Mass. And New Bedford Monthly Meeting has appointed John B. Baylies, correspondent, in place of Gideon Wood, who has been released from service on account of illness, P.O. address, New Bedford, Mass. Hannah C. Wing, a Minister, has removed from New York Yearly Meeting, to reside within the limits of Sandwich Monthly Meeting. It has united with Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Lucinda M. Wood to the station of Elder.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Falmouth Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Edwin C. Jones and Augustus C. Jones to the station of Elder. Ellison R. Purdy, a minister, and his wife Amelia F. Purdy, an Elder, have been received members of Falmouth Monthly Meeting by certificate from West Branch Monthly Meeting, New York Yearly Meeting. Melissa C. Crosman, a member and Elder of Durham Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership at her own request. It has united with Durham Monthly Meeting in withdrawing its recognition of Cyrus Cartland as a Minister and Exponent of Friends' faith. William P. Davis and Ella L. Bailey, Elders and members of the same meeting, have been released from membership.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of six associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, also in changing the hour of holding the same Monthly Meeting from 10.30 A. M. to 11 o'clock A. M.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, in holding said meeting alternately at Vassalboro and East Vassalboro, commencing at Vassalboro

in the First Month. Elijah Cook, a minister and member of Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, has removed within the limits of New York Yearly Meeting.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Horace M. Hall and Martha B. Osborne. Alphens Trueblood, a minister, has been received by certificate to Winthrop Monthly Meeting from Hillsington Yearly Meeting. Lizzie A. Church, a minister and member of Winthrop Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership at her own request. It has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Augustus F. Morse and Sarah E. Morse to the station of Elder, and with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of six Associate Members of this Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. A Mid-week and Preparative Meeting has been established at Augusta, to be held on Fourth-day evening at 7.30 o'clock, also a meeting for worship and preparative meeting has been established at Hallowell, to be held on First day at 2.30 P. M. and on Sixth day at 7.30 P. M.

Requests from the Quarterly Meetings:

1. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting that thereafter the Treasurer of the meeting be constituted a member ex-officio of the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting, which proposition being considered is allowed, and our Treasurer will hereafter be a member ex officio of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.

2. Iowa Quarterly Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to grant the holding of future Quarterly Meetings in the First Month at Grinnell, Ia. instead of North Berwick, Me., and in changing the hour of holding the same from ten forty-five to three o'clock, which request is granted and the change is made.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting requests the Yearly Meeting to consider the subject of modifying the privileges of birthright membership. The matter is referred to the Representatives to this Meeting.

8. We are informed that all the Quarterly Meetings have paid or directed their Treasurers to pay to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting their respective quotas of Yearly Meeting Stock.

9. The Representatives are requested to nominate two Friends from each of the Quarterly Meetings to constitute a Standing Committee on Nominations to whom appointments shall be referred, care being taken not to choose those who served on the Nominating Committee last year.

Adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Statistical Report of the Quarterly Meeting.

From First Month 1st, 1895, to Third Month 1st, 1896.

	Statistics of Ministers, Elders and Associates.			Statistics of Membership.												Statistics of Children						
	Number of Ministers	Number of Elders	Number of Associate Members	Number of Members reported last year	Gain in last year's report — Gain	Gain in last year's report — Loss	Births	Deaths	Received in	Dismissed out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present number of members	Number of children between 4 and 12	Number of children between 12 and 21	Number attending school	Number attending School taught or controlled by Friends	No. between 12 & 21 attending School taught or controlled by Friends	Number attending College	Number attending College under care of Friends
Rhode Island	19	27	15	882	2	0	8	23	2	2	41	10	25	7	900	115	93	117	10	10	7	3
Salem	16	29	35	702	1	0	6	12	18	9	19	3	20	0	722	45	73	51	5	4	3	1
Sandwich	10	19	62	544	0	0	3	13	1	3	12	8	0	8	536	90	45	46	19	14	0	0
Falmouth	24	39	2	608	0	0	8	14	6	9	33	28	1	0	609	108	60	82	9	7	1	1
Smithfield	10	22	11	303	0	4	3	10	1	5	15	9	2	12	293	18	17	27	2	2	4	0
Nasalboro	16	48	20	465	0	0	8	4	3	2	2	3	13	9	469	45	38	47	18	12	1	0
Somerset	6	17	13	189	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	7	0	5	181	11	14	23	7	7	0	0
Fairfield	12	37	19	546	1	0	9	5	13	4	110	22	102	0	648	38	60	69	7	7	0	0
Greenfield	6	6	7	149	0	0	1	4	0	2	4	4	0	5	144	27	16	25	6	2	0	0
	124	244	182	4355	4	4	48	51	44	36	237	94	163	41	4502	500	416	517	86	65	16	5

Names of Ministers (Deceased)	Date of Death	Age in years, or in what year of his age.	Monthly Meeting to which they belonged.
Thomas B. Buffum	Fifth Month 7th 1895	82d year	Rhode Island
Lydia A. Macomber	Third Month 1st 1895	92nd year	Greenwich
Cynthia J. Earle	Eighth Month 3rd 1895	60th year	Greenwich
Elizabeth Dillingham	Twelfth Month 31st 1895	89th year	Sandwich
Charles M. Jones	Second Month 14th 1896	52nd year	Falmouth
Names of Elders (Deceased)			
Mary E. Kenyon	Third Month 5th 1895	57th year	Providence
Charles D. Kenyon	Fourth Month 8th 1895	71st year	Providence
Anna T. Dennis	Tenth Month 10th 1895	83rd year	Providence
Gideon Gifford	First Month 22nd 1896	83rd year	Westport
S. Jane Cox	Seventh Month 17th 1895	60th year	Falmouth
Maria B. Jones	Sixth Month 21st 1895	87th year	Durham
Elizabeth H. Cook	Fourth Month 16th 1896	62nd year	Windham
Maria Aldrich	Fourth Month 10th 1895	75th year	Smithfield
Richard Bailey	Sixth Month 23rd 1895	86th year	Smithfield
John Barnes	Ninth Month 27th 1895	78th year	Smithfield
Benjamin Fry	Ninth Month 25th 1895	83rd year	China
Lydia E. Sawyer	Third Month 13th 1896	60th year	Dover

Sixth-day Afternoon, Sixth-Month 12th.

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

10. Owen Dame on behalf of the Representatives, informed the meeting that they were united in proposing John Ellwood Paige for Clerk and Daniel C. Harfield for Assistant Clerk of the Men's Meeting. Also, that they were united in proposing Alice W. Maxfield for Clerk, and Deborah P. Atherton for Assistant Clerk, of the Women's Meeting, which propositions, being duly considered were fully united with, and the Friends named are appointed to the respective services for the ensuing year.

11. The following minute prepared by the Representatives has been fully approved, and the Clerk is directed to forward to Ruth S. Murray the portion of the same which relates to her, viz:

"We recognize, with grateful appreciation, the faithful services and arduous labors of our Clerk, Timothy B. Hussey, for the past four years, now released at his own request. We also extend the loving sympathy of this Meeting to our dear sister Ruth S. Murray, Clerk of the Women's Meeting last year, now confined at home by illness. May the love of our Heavenly Father, whom she has faithfully served, comfort, uphold and sustain her."

12. The Representatives presented the names of the following Friends to constitute a Standing Committee on Nominations, viz:

	Benjamin Green	Adeline F. Chace
Anna M. [illegible]	[illegible]	William [illegible]
Susan F. [illegible]	John J. [illegible]	Eliza B. Douglas
Henry D. Swift	Salome C. Wheeler	James M. Ester
Elizabeth K. Jones	Anna M. Hussey	William V. Ware
[illegible]	Mary C. [illegible]	Silas H. Cartland
Emily K. Jones.		

The nominations are approved and the appointments accordingly made.

13. The report of the Providence Boarding School Committee has been read. To this Meeting, made up [illegible] of the Alumni of this Institution, the yearly report of its work is always highly interesting. We are gratified with the increased appearances and accom-

daline.

We endorse every effort put forth to keep the school in place with an ever developing and progressing system of education which shall be in harmony with the godly purpose in which its corner stone was laid.

Report of the Providence School Committee To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in charge of the Providence School present the Seventy-seventh Annual Report with the grateful acknowledgement that, as in the past, so in the present, the gracious care of our Heavenly Father has been abundantly manifest, so that we can report that the religious and educational progress and advancement of the school has continued, as in former years, to our great satisfaction. The religious meetings of the students have been constantly attended and participated in by the officers and the family in great unity of purpose, and with unusual success. The morning meetings on First and Fourth days have been ancient seasons of blessing to the family.

There has been a large expenditure of money this year upon the heating, lighting and ventilation of the buildings, which has been desired for many years. The advantages of this improvement cannot be over estimated. In the first place, one single fire in a remote, home house takes the place of more than twenty fires in the buildings, each of which was liable to be the means of setting on fire the whole establishment. Second: The buildings have never heretofore been properly heated, and we have lost many children in that account, who would have come to us and were particularly desirable. Third: The electric light is the best for purposes of study when it is perfectly steady, as it is at the school. It relieves the premises also from another danger, by fire, in the disuse of friction matches all over the buildings. Fourth: Both gas and oil lamps vitiate the air, which we write

by this improvement. Thus does this manner of lighting greatly aid the ventilation of the rooms throughout the house. But, by the addition of forced-air ventilation we have reached very nearly ideal perfection in this matter, so far as known to the present generation. We are informed that at Friends' School the first room was lighted by illuminating gas in the City of Providence, and also that it was the first school to use the electric light though our machinery was at first imperfect.

The general health of the school has been most excellent, with the exception of a few cases of measles, which were soon removed and the spread of the disease prevented.

The financial depression in the country is deeply felt at the school. The competition which exists in New England, between the public and private schools, is most intense, when money is not easily obtained and business is dull. It is a time when Friends, as far as possible, ought to be encouraged to support their denominational schools. They are noble endowments, which cannot live without patronage. If Friends know of parents who are in search of a school, they can render a great service by calling the attention of such parents to the schools of the Society, or the attention of the principals of the schools to such persons or parents.

The number of scholars for the year has been:

Boarders	135
Day students	10
Day art students	21
Total	166

Officers of Government and Instruction.

Augustine Jones, A.M., L.L.B., Principal and Political Science.
Guy G. Furnell, A.M. Governor and English Studies, and Calisthenics for Boys.
Evelyn Barrows, B.S. Preceptress and English Studies.
Thomas J. Batley, A.M., Natural Science.
Mary E. Rawson, Vocal and Instrumental Music.
Sophia S. Pitman, Drawing and Painting.

Walter S. Hewes A.M., Higher Mathematics
Horatio B. Knox, A.M. Greek and Latin
Charles R. Jacob, A.B. Modern Languages.
Helen L. Thomas A.B. History and Literature.
Charlotte A. Sisson, English Studies
Lizzie M. Palmer, Primary Department.
Eliza D. Gardiner Assistant in Drawing and Painting.
Allen W. Weeks, Mechanic Arts.
Sophia M. Horton, English Studies
Robert Bonner, Instrumental Music
Edith L. Hall, Calisthenics for Girls
Sidney R. Burleigh, Special in Water Colors.
Frank M. Reed Special in Mechanical Drawing
Jules Ruerat, L.P., Conversation in French.
Hannah S. Ryder, Secretary and Bookkeeper.
Laura Buffum, Librarian

Lecturer

Thomas J. Battey, A.M. Natural Science

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the school, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund, $75. Credit to a member of another Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25. And a similar credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $70. The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French, or German, of $10; for one year instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of tuition shall be made except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
Providence, 5th Month 26, 1896. William C. Newhall Clerk.

Note. — The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 9th, 1896, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 8th, 1897.

Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee, Eighth Month 4th 1896.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be ready at the time above stated, Eighth Month 4th 1896.

Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

Statement of Settlement of Friends' School Accounts, Year Ending Seventh Month 1st 1895.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in New England:

Resources.

Balance reported last year		$4,497.18
Board and Tuition		44,877.18
Charitable Fund Scholarships	$2,100.00	
Elizabeth Fry Fund "	1,500.00	
S. T. Olney " "	1,912.50	
E. Cattell " "	150.00	
P. J. Tripp " "	75.00	
General " "	5,146.00	
Students' Accounts	30,995.28	
Day School Tuition		583.93
Auxiliary Studies		2,991.37
Balance		2,642.67
		$52,592.93

Expenditures.

North Building Improvement	$5,021.51
Farm Building and Improvements	2,009.18
Salary Account	17,026.50
Wages	10,852.33
Provisions	9,028.24
Repairs and Renewals	3,607.34
Fuel	1,459.65
Light	788.82
Water	438.59
Advertising	843.90
Library	297.33
Papers & Periodicals	91.13
Amount carried forward	$51,464.52

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Amount brought forward	$51,464.52	
Incidentals	250.03	
Debts considered bad	878.38	$52,592.93

Robert P. Gifford
Charles Dixon, } For the Auditors.

Report of the Real Estate Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

During the last year we have sold one acre of land, containing 7,100 square feet which brought the net sum of $2086.00. This amount was paid to the Treasurer of the Providence Friends' School Fund.

By direction of the Committee
Robert P. Gifford, Clerk.

14. The Committee having charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute have presented their report.

We are gratified with the progress which has been made and wish to record our grateful appreciation of two generous contributions which have been made to increase its efficiency. The Clerks are directed to communicate to the donors our gratitude and thanks.

Report of the Committee in Charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee intrusted with the care of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute have attended to that service, and thankfully report that through the blessing of Heaven upon their efforts, a very successful school year has been realized and that the prospects of this Institution for usefulness in the future were never brighter than at present. The health of the school has been excellent, no sickness having occurred to interfere with the regular course of study. With an efficient corps of teachers the several departments have been satisfactorily conducted, and the examinations furnished evidence of careful

training and commendable progress. The moral and religious interest of the pupils have been gratifyingly guarded and promoted; and while less activity has been manifest than in some previous years a healthy growth and development along spiritual lines have been apparent in the lives of many of the pupils, and nearly all of them have entered upon the Christian pathway.

We were especially interested in the graduating class of ten Christians. Several of the essays gave evidence of deep religious thought. While Sch. Grove has, in common with similar institutions throughout our country, felt the business depression which prevails, and while the report of our treasurer is less satisfactory than in some previous years, it has been a year of great progress and development in increasing the value of the school property and the capacity of the school for usefulness, through the generosity of a few of its friends whom the Lord has blessed with wealth and given them hearts to use a portion of it for the good of others.

An addition to the north wing of the school building, making it correspond in size and general appearance with the south wing, has been made. The extension is 18 x 40 feet and the entire wing has been elevated one story. This addition has furnished four dormitories, two class rooms, two bath-rooms, a boys sitting room and a basement for storage. At a meeting of the Committee held Eighth Month 22d, the following minute was placed upon our records:

"A unanimous and hearty vote of thanks was extended to our President E. M. Bailey for his generous gift to the school of a fine new addition to the north wing, which has cost about $5,000.00. When we consider the enhanced beauty and value of our school building, the large increase of accommodations and the marked ways in which the capacity of the school for usefulness has been increased, a vote of thanks but feebly expresses our appreciation of

this princely gift."

It has been found that the water supply was entirely inadequate to the needs of the school, and during the drought of last autumn, steps were taken to remedy the defect. From the bottom of the old well, thirty six feet in depth, an Artesian well was bored, 254 feet, at an expense of $528.88. An iron tank, with a capacity of about 6000 gallons, was placed in the building, and it is believed that no further inconvenience will be realized from lack of water.

Twelve acres of land on the east line of the school property has been purchased at a cost of $125.00, $75.00 of which was raised by subscription.

A few rods from the school there stood, one year ago, an ancient Friends' Meeting House, in which was formerly held one of the largest meetings of Friends in New England. An eminent minister, once standing in its gallery, spoke of it as "the great emporium of Quakerism in the East." The meeting declined and the house was closed, except for occasional services. The house and grounds have been deeded to the trustees of the school property, and the ancient edifice has been transformed into an elegant modern chapel, at a cost of between six and seven thousand dollars. The work has been done under the direction and at the expense of our dear friend, Sophia D. Bailey, of Winthrop Center. We trust that this beautiful structure, in connection with the school, may become a centre of religious influence in this part of the country, and that thus the purpose and prayer of the generous donor may be fully answered.

We are informed that in the will of our dear friend, S. Jane Cox, deceased, is a bequest to the school of $3,000.00; said money to remain in the hands of the executor, Henry Cox, for three years and pay annual interest to the general expense of the school, then to be paid to the trustees and added to the Sybil Jones fund.

Two valuable members of our committee have been removed by death during the past year. Under date of Eighth Month 22nd, appears the following minute which we record: "At a roll call this morning we were sadly reminded that since our last meeting one of our members has been called to the higher service beyond. Our dear sister, S. Jane Cox, whose loss we mourn has been among the most useful members of this committee; manifesting in many ways her deep interest in Oak Grove School, and by the beauty of her Christian life she won the esteem and love of her associates. We shall miss her presence and counsel but are comforted by the thought that in the 'sweet by-and-by' we shall meet our sister again."

At a meeting of the committee held Fifth Month 27th it was directed that the following minute be recorded: "We miss from our circle one who has taken an active part in the work of this committee, and who for several years served acceptably as its secretary. The form of Charles M. Jones now rests in the vineyard of the Friends Mission at Ramallah, but he will long be remembered by those who enjoyed his friendship and were associated with him in Christian work."

In conclusion we commend the school, with its important interests, to the care of the Yearly Meeting.

Arrangements for the coming year as to officers of government and instruction are not yet perfected.

Communications may be addressed to Principal, Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, Vassalboro, Maine.

For the Committee,

Charles H. Bailey, President
J. Warren Hawkes, Secretary.

Manchester, Maine, Sixth Month 9th, 1896.

Treasurers Report of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

Receipts.

By Balance from last year	$1,577.80	
Cash from Board and Tuition	6,397.60	
Interest on Endowment Fund	642.39	
Cash from Samuel B. Buffinton, Treas.	50.00	
Cash from State Treasurer	800.00	
Cash from Samuel R. Buffinton, Treas.	500.00	
Cash from Endowment Fund	1000.00	
Rebate on Insurance	15.00	
Note due Endowment Fund	1000.00	
Balance due from Herbert H. Goddard	299.36	$12,282.15

Expenditures.

To Salary Account	$2665.65	
Wages	846.29	
Repairs and Renewals	1576.17	
Provisions	1966.78	
Scholarship	471.00	
Taxes and Foreclosures	647.64	
Lights	95.15	
Fuel	189.69	
Mortgage	1000.00	
Incidentals	240.83	
Premium on Insurance Policy	182.50	
Bills Payable	281.95	$10,763.65
Balance on hand		$1,518.50

Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer.

15. The report of the Committee on Education has been read. The increased interest manifested from year to year in this highly important subject is an augury for good. The report is satisfactory to the Meeting. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of the Committee on Education.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends: — Your committee on Education has

during the last year endeavored to fulfill the purpose of its appointment. In addition to the public meeting in Portland in Sixth Month last, four educational conferences have been held during the year; one at Lynn, Mass., and one at Durham, Maine, both in the Eighth Month; one at North Sandwich N.H., in the Eleventh Month, and one at the boarding school at Providence in the Second Month. At these conferences ten addresses were made by members of the committee and others, and more than five hundred people were given food for thought on this important subject. Members of the Committee have also done considerable private work in encouraging young Friends to attend our boarding schools, rather than to be content to waste their time in schools where the advantages are in every way less excellent.

It has come to the knowledge of your Committee, that there is in one of our Monthly Meetings a fund left for the support of a Monthly Meeting School. Such a school has, by changed conditions, been rendered unnecessary, and has not for many years been held. It is not unlikely that similar conditions exist elsewhere. In such instances care is necessary, lest the funds set apart for education be diverted to other and less important purposes. In the judgment of the committee, Monthly Meetings should in such cases be encouraged to obtain permission from the courts to apply the funds to the payment of the expenses of deserving students at one of our boarding schools.

It is cause for regret that out of nine hundred persons under 21 years of age our Yearly Meeting has but sixteen members who are attending college, and but six attending colleges unrelated to Friends. It is to be earnestly hoped that our members will become not only more desirous to give their children a good training in secondary schools, but that a more general appreciation of the higher education may be awakened among us.

Your committee is increasingly impressed with the importance of education to the [illegible] by the [illegible] of the [illegible] which [illegible] without the Divine [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] education, [illegible] the direction in which that education has moved. The devout Romanist becomes a priest and administers sacraments, the enthusiastic Salvationist a shouting captain who marches to martial music, while the conscientious Friend, in obedience to the same impulse upon him, becomes a simple minister, who discards both the sacraments and the drum.

Never in all the history of the world, were well trained souls, sensitive to the touch of the Holy Spirit, more needed in spreading Christianity than now. Mysteries which have been veiled to humanity in all previous years are now being made known, and it is imperative that the power contained in a knowledge of these things should be utilized for Christ. If this is to be done, the Christian intellect must be alert and active. Ignorance produces sluggishness. The deposits of centuries of inherited prejudices form, in the minds of the ignorant, crystallized strata through which the Spirit of God can, indeed, break, but through which He seldom does, and then only with an unusual expenditure of power. Education tends to break up these deposits and to make the mind quick to receive the truth, sensitive to its power, and better able to interpret in spiritual character and helpful deed the quickening impulse from God.

There is a necessity that efforts be made in some of our remote Meetings to impress on the minds of Friends these important facts, and to encourage all our members to make more efforts in the matter of the education of their children, and we recommend that an appropriation of $200 be made for the cause

of education during the coming year, that under the direction of the committee every Meeting may be visited and Friends encouraged in this important matter.

On behalf of the Committee:
George A. Barton, Chairman
Anna F. Hall, Secretary

Sixth Month 12th, 1896.

Committee on Education.
Treasurer's Report.

Balance from former account	$ 27.05
Contributions from eleven Monthly Meetings	32.84
	$ 31.89
Paid expenses of conferences	[illegible]
Amount on hand	$ 35.89

J. E. Paige, Treasurer.

Adjourned to meet at ten o'clock tomorrow morning
Seventh-day Morning the 13th.

The meeting again convened.

16. It is directed that 2600 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting including time and place of holding all our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings together with names of Correspondents, be printed and sent down to our subordinate Meetings. The Clerks are authorized to attend to the same and Owen Dame and Daniel C. Maxfield are appointed to advise and assist them.

17. The epistle from London Yearly Meeting for 1895, also one issued by the same Meeting the present year, have been read, also the London General Epistle for 1896, all of which have been listened to with interest and profit. The Clerks are directed to issue a reprint of 1500 copies of the London General Epistle for distribution.

18. The Committee on Gospel Work have presented their report, showing much effective [illegible] accomplished; and the trust beyond what

may be incorporated into any report there may be results and influences known only to Him who always honors all effort made in His name. We desire the encouragement of the Committee and we feel that such encouragement can be shown in no better way than by a thorough consecration of heart and life and means to the cause for which this Committee is laboring.

Report of the Committee on Gospel Work.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Gospel Work met immediately after appointment, to organize for the important service to which they had been called.

While bowed under an almost overwhelming sense of the greatness of the work and the weakness of the workers, we were reminded of the assurance given a weak and sorely tried people, "The battle is not yours, but God's." In giving our report for the year now past, although painfully conscious of failures and defeats, we humbly acknowledge that when we have followed our Leader, He has fought our battles, and we have stood still and seen the salvation of the Lord. We regret to report that less work has been accomplished in some fields this year than last, but we rejoice that in other directions doors long closed have been opened to the Lord's messengers. Even from the very meagre reports that have come to us from some of the Quarterly Meetings, we have abundant reason to say "This is the Lord's doing. It is marvellous in our eyes."

The following extracts from reports of the Superintendents show, as far as we are able, the work of the committee:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. Phebe S. Aydelott, Superintendent. One series of meetings held at Sayleville. Six conversions and renewals. Ten families visited. Six meetings without continued service.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting. Henry F. Newell.

Superintendent. Every meeting has been visited, mostly without continued service. Two series of meetings held; - at Lewiston, consisting of thirty five meetings; at Durham eighteen meetings. Conversions and renewals, seventy five. Received into membership twenty-nine.

We are glad also to report that the meeting rooms at Windham, Casco, and Deering have been renovated and made inviting and convenient.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. Salome C. Wheeler Superintendent. Number of meetings comprising the Quarterly Meeting, five. One member of Gospel Committee has attended the meeting at Worcester twice a month during the autumn and winter. Much valuable teaching has been given by Bible readings and instruction in Friends' principles. God has abundantly blessed the labors of our local workers. Fifteen persons have been received into membership, among whom one little girl of seven years, who wrote her request to the Monthly Meeting in these words; - "I love Jesus and I want to be a little Friend. Please can I be taken into the Meeting?" The Church, the body of Christ, receives the little one in her arms and takes up the Master's word, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Salem Quarterly Meeting. Charles H. Thorndike, Superintendent. No series of meetings held during the year. The small meetings have been faithfully visited.

Pittsfield provided with one earnest worker who held meetings and visited families for six weeks. Another remained one week. The labors of both were greatly blessed to the strengthening of that Meeting.

A member of the Gospel Committee visited Kennebec No. Weare, So. Weare, twice each, Epping and Pittsfield once.

Superintendent has visited Pittsfield eight times, Epping once, Kennebec twice, So. Weare twice.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. William P. Macomber Superintendent. A series of meetings of one week's duration held at Allen's Neck, at which several

professed to enter into a fuller experience of their privileges in Christ. Several who had lost their interest have renewed their covenant. The year past has witnessed much activity along the various lines of Gospel Work. Meetings have been held, Bible readings given, all of intense interest and profit.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting. Jesse McPherson Superintendent. Soon after our last Yearly Meeting Gospel tent meetings were held at Hallowell, Winthrop, and St. Albans, which were owned and blessed of God in the salvation of souls and establishing of believers. Later series of meetings were held at Hallowell, West Gardiner, Winthrop Center, Sydney and St. Albans. Series of meetings, eight. Number of meetings held, one hundred and seventy. Families visited, five hundred and thirty-eight. Conversions and renewals, three hundred. Number joining Friends, one hundred and sixteen.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting, Clara H. Cartland Superintendent. Number of meetings in Quarterly Meeting, four. Extra meetings held, seventy-five. Family visits, one hundred and twenty. Four persons received into membership.

Dover Quarterly Meeting. Emeline H. Tuttle, Superintendent. All of our meetings have been visited, but with no continued service. Thirty families visited. One received into membership.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. James M. Estes, Superintendent. Two series of meetings have been held during the year; at Maple Grove, consisting of eighteen meetings; at Unity, of twenty meetings. Thirty family visits. Eleven professed conversions and renewals. Meetings attended by committee without continued service, eight.

Our meetings have been greatly blessed by the labors of our members in their own Quarterly Meetings. As we note the growing interest and zeal of home workers, and the success that has crowned their efforts we look out hopefully to the future. The com-

mittee recommend that the work be continued under the care of a similar committee. We ask that a sum not less than two thousand dollars be placed at the disposal of the committee in this most important work.

Summary of Work.

Series of Meetings	15
Number of Meetings held	46.
Family Visits	778
Bible Readings	8
Renewals and Conversions	392
Received into Membership	105

For the Committee.

Harriette D. Collins, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Gospel Work.

Receipts.

By Balance from last year	$27[illegible].65
By Cash from Electa Jane Collins	25.00
By Cash from John S. Kimber	0.72
By Cash from John Ellwood Paige, Treasurer Salem Monthly Meeting	98.05
By Cash from Augustus Davis, Treasurer Amesbury Monthly Meeting	10.50
By Cash from Robert P. Gifford, Treasurer Providence Monthly Meeting	18.00
By Cash from Charles A. Chace, Treasurer Swansea Monthly Meeting	44.35
By Cash from L. S. Jones, Treasurer Boston Monthly Meeting	60.80
By Cash from H. E. Babcock, Treasurer Bolton Monthly Meeting	5.50
By Cash from F. H. Durman, Treasurer Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	44.00
By Cash from Eva M. Babcock, Treasurer Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	20.25
By Cash from Joseph Ewer, Treasurer Sandwich, Mass., Monthly Meeting	5.[illegible]

By Cash from Cornelius Turner Treasurer Sandwich N. H. Monthly Meeting	4.00
By Cash from Jesse Chandler, Treasurer [illegible] Monthly Meeting	2.65
By Cash from H. H. Aldrich Treasurer Smithfield Monthly Meeting	[illegible]
By Cash from Ezra Hawkes Treasurer Falmouth Monthly Meeting	0.00
By Cash from Elwood A. Bailey Treasurer Winthrop Monthly Meeting	28.00
By Cash from Lindley H. Osborne, Treasurer Hoare Monthly Meeting	21.00
By Cash from James A. Gifford Treasurer Westport Monthly Meeting	20.00
By Cash from Elizabeth C. W. Wood Treasurer Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	16.00
By Cash from [illegible] Treasurer Passaic Monthly Meeting	[illegible]
By Cash from Joseph C. [illegible] Treasurer Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	20.00
By Cash from William A. Jones Treasurer China Monthly Meeting	6.00
By Cash from Albert H. Holmes Treasurer New Bedford Monthly Meeting	0.00
By Cash from Ezra Hawkes, Treasurer Falmouth Monthly Meeting	[illegible]
	$791.07

Expenditures

Amount paid out	$561.10
Balance on hand	$229.97

Joseph E. Briggs Treasurer

19. The Nominating Committee have presented names for vacancies occurring on the Providence Boarding School Committee and its Real Estate Committee, also for the Committee on Education which nominations are approved and confirmed.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Seventh-day Afternoon.

Met [illegible] to adjournment.

20. Epistles from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for Ireland; also from the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and Indiana Year. Meetings were read.

2. The report of the Church Extension Board has been read, giving cheering evidence of good work done. We desire to encourage our membership to a hearty co-operation with the board in the prosecution of its work, both by sympathy and material aid.

Church Extension Board.

To the Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] organization, held in Portland, in [illegible] last when Benjamin F. Trueblood was appointed chairman; Thomas Wood, treasurer, and George [illegible] secretary; and the Chairman [illegible] treasurer [illegible] and [illegible] were appointed an Executive Committee to act for the Board between its meetings.

The Executive Committee has met, from time to time, to consider work which has opened to us and a meeting of the [illegible] Board was held in [illegible]. Early in the year a circular letter was prepared, addressed to members of the Yearly Meeting, setting forth the work of the Board and appealing for financial means with which to carry it on. The letter was sent by mail into every family in the Meeting, as far as possible, and to many individual members. As a result, the report of the Treasurer shows that contributions to the amount of [illegible] have been received. Financial assistance [illegible] has been [illegible] given the meeting at Meaderboro, N. H., has been continued during the present year. We have felt that the work accomplished there has been gratifying and warranted the effort expended.

Opportunity for work at No. Weare, N. H., has received consideration during the year; but, under

conditions existing, it seemed impossible for the Board to do anything there to advantage at present.

An appeal from the meeting at Sidney, Maine for assistance was given attention, and the sum of $[illegible] has been contributed to the work there. We are informed that the Friends at Sidney have recently remodeled their meeting house, and during the past year pastoral work has been done towards building up the meeting.

The Board has had the privilege of extending help, financial and otherwise, to the Friends at Lawrence, Mass., who, during the year have accomplished the completion and dedication of their new meeting house, which is a credit to their energy and perseverance in the cause of church extension. We have also received encouraging reports from other localities, indicating that Meetings are in a healthful and growing condition.

In acknowledgment of work done during the year in the cause of church extension, but by private munificence, we regard it proper to mention in this report the remodeling of the old meeting house at Vassalboro, Maine, which has been closed for some years, into what is now one of the prettiest Friends' chapels in New England, it being the gift of Sophia D. Bailey of Winthrop, to Oak Grove Seminary. The new house enables the school to become an increasing religious influence in a community in which a once flourishing meeting has been laid down. We wish there were other Friends in the Yearly Meeting with purses and hearts large enough to open other old meeting houses, and cause the gospel to be preached to communities suffering for the want of it.

Geo. L. Crosman, Secretary.

The Church Extension Board

Treasurer's Report

Received collections	$218.00
Expended	218.00

Thomas Wood, Treasurer

Newport, Sixth Month, 14th, 1896.

22. The Sketch from the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah has been read, bringing in itself unmistakable evidence of the efficiency of the work in that place.

23. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions has been read, and is of unusual interest. The Meeting has been solemnized as we have listened to the account of the [illegible] of our dear Friend Charles M. Jones. We may not doubt the wisdom of the purposes of our God. The silent eloquence of the grave in that Judean Vineyard may not be easily measured.

Our tenderest sympathy goes out to the late matron in her early widowhood. "As one whom his mother comforteth," may our tender Father in Heaven comfort her.

We feel a sense of thankfulness that our dear Friends, Timothy R. and Anna M. Cussey have so cheerfully offered to engage in the work of this mission, and we desire for them the protection and help of our Master in the assured belief that whatever the outcome, their reward will be sure. In that reward may this meeting have a part by its generous support.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In reviewing the events of the past year, the Committee feel that of a truth, "God moves in a mysterious way." In the early part of the summer Charles M. Jones and his wife left for Ramallah, followed by our heartfelt prayers. They arrived safely at their destination and began their chosen work with skill and devotion. A blessing rested upon their work and all seemed to be prospering at the Mission, when both Superintendent and Matron were stricken with fever, [illegible] weeks his earthly labors were over. "Lord why is this?" was the question of many hearts [illegible] to his friends and the Mission was so great. But God knows the workers and carries on his work.

and his bereaved widow, as soon as her health was restored endeavored with her faithful helpers, to carry out his plans. She does not however feel able to continue at the [illegible] and our friends, Timothy and Anna Bussey in self denying love, have consented to go again to Ramallah and take charge of the interests there for the present. We trust some one, whose heart the Lord hath touched will be found as a permanent care taker of the work.

The Matron gives the following report of the condition of the Mission:

"I will now attempt to gather [illegible] few notes from which the Secretary may be able to frame a report of our work at Ramallah for the Yearly Meeting to be held next at Newport, R.I. The dark and heavy cloud which has gathered and burst over our heads has, of course, had a depressing effect upon every line of the work; yet our Mission Workers have stood faithfully at the post of duty, and in the main the work has moved on prosperously. We acknowledge gratefully the unfailing help of our Heavenly Father, at times when no earthly assistance was of any avail.

"Of the Superintendent who began with so much living interest, the work intrusted to him by New England Yearly Meeting, and whose death touched so deeply the hearts of all the workers, I cannot speak at length, but will simply say that when God called him from this to a higher service, he entered it just as cheerfully, smiltly trusting that a wise Father had ordered all things well.

"A little more than a month after the death of Charles M. Jones, occurred that of Helaine Ostfan, one of the Training Home pupils. She was fourteen years of age, a member of the first class and much beloved by teachers and classmates. She died of typhoid fever after an illness of just two weeks. We feel sure that she is safely sheltered in that land where sickness and sorrow are never permitted to enter. Although there are, at the present writing, [illegible]

who still are sick. I am thankful to be able to report them all improving. The Training Home has been thoroughly disinfected, the rooms newly whitened and great pains taken to remove all traces of sickness. At the beginning of the school year, Tenth Month 1st, 1896, there were in the Training Home twenty-one girls, of these five were new scholars.

"Katie Gabriel still holds the position of head teacher, and one needs no better proof of her efficiency than to see the really excellent work accomplished by the young teachers who went out from her training last year. The pupils in the Training Home are instructed in both Arabic and English while particular attention is given to the useful study of [illegible]. They are also taught needlework both useful and ornamental and have regular and systematic training in each department of housework. They carry on among themselves a regularly organized Peace Meeting. It is conducted in perfect order. It was my privilege to attend it last Sabbath, in company with Hannah J. Bailey, World's Superintendent W. C. T. U. Department of Peace. We were both very much pleased with the easy manner in which the exercises were carried on and feel sure that it must have its influence for good upon the children.

"At the beginning of this year two new day schools were opened one at Ramallah and one in a village some miles distant called Ain Areek. We have now in successful operation six village day schools. Of these one is at Saiyeh, one at Jiffneh, one at Ain Areek, and three in Ramallah. All of these in Ramallah are taught by the graduates of the Training Home. We have been pleased at every visit to find the work prospering in a measure exceeding what we could have [illegible]. The children improve in cleanliness and order, and many of them learn rapidly. They will recite stories from the Bible, repeat whole Psalms and sing their Arabic hymns very sweetly. The schools at Saiyeh and Jiffneh are taught by the same

teachers as last year. The school at Olive Creek was opened at the earnest request of the people and they seem to appreciate its benefits. The teacher is a Kamakan girl and a former pupil although not a graduate of the Training Home. She has a real missionary spirit, and does not confine her work to her pupils, wholly, but tries to uplift the parents as well. Some Hollem girls attend the school. The whole number of children [illegible] influence of our teaching is two hundred. While some are very irregular in attendance, many really attend promptly, and make good advancement. The schools are under the constant supervision of Martha [illegible] who spares no pains to assist both teachers and scholars in every way possible.

[illegible] are well attended.

The Sabbath school also seems to be in a prosperous state. The children from the day schools come in large numbers and they pay excellent attention to the lessons. They have the Golden Text committed to memory, and often recite their [illegible]. The hymns are frequently selected with reference to the children, and they enter into the singing with spirit. Average attendance about eighty five.

The mothers' meetings are still kept up, as reported last year. They are held three times each week, sometimes at the home of Emily Aude, the Bible woman, and sometimes at the homes of the women. They bring with them their work, whatever it happens to be, and invariably bring the baby. The Bible is read and explained, hymns sung and texts of Scripture committed. Often they eagerly ask questions, and talk over what has been told them. Sometimes the women from the Greek and Latin church drop in to the meetings, and so get a little taste of the real Gospel. The blessing of the Lord must attend this effort to reach the hearts of the dozen Tudeless women of Hamallah.

After watching for some weeks the interesting work of relieving the sick and suffering, as witnessed in our [illegible] Charter M. Jones conceived the idea of making the dispensary more convenient and attractive, and

idea of beginning a small hospital where in-patients could have the direct attention of the doctor. Last year [illegible] rooms were had them thoroughly remodeled and prepared for this purpose. A wide [illegible] dispensary [illegible] to the street, which [illegible] time it is the doctor's consulting room, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. There are two rooms where seven beds can be made up. Mattresses were prepared and bedding fitted up sufficient for the same so that when [illegible] [illegible] the rooms might be ready for use. We have [illegible] [illegible] it wise, however, to keep the hospital closed to the public until such time as the superintendent may think best to put it in active operation. The number of patients in clinic since the last report has been [illegible]61. Patients visited outside 1250. Number of cases treated for eye diseases, 2073. Number of villages visited by mission doctor, 43. Number of surgical operations 367. The number of prescriptions written has been 4532. Days of clinic number 190.

During the early winter we greatly enjoyed a visit from our beloved friends Isaac Sharp and Dr. John Dixon of London Yearly Meeting. Although this visit was necessarily short it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. They attended our meeting and Sabbath school, looking in upon our day schools and medical work, and were a real inspiration everywhere. We had also in the spring time a visit from our dear friend Hannah J. Bailey of New England Yearly Meeting, accompanied by her niece [illegible] [illegible]. Coming as they did at a time when all hearts were crushed with recent sorrow, theirs became a ministry of consolation. May God bless them for their words of comfort and their deeds of love.

Hannah J. Bailey presented the mission a fine new [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. We trust that in the future [illegible] [illegible] may take a long step in advance.

[illegible] effort [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] superintendent [illegible] been unable to secure from the Turkish Government permission to [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

"We thank our many friends in America for their contributions of ready made clothing and other necessary articles.

"We consider this a most important and interesting field for missionary work, and in [illegible] would quote the words of our Lord Jesus to His Disciples;

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that he may send forth labourers into His Harvest."

In the interest of the work,

[illegible]

Fourth Month 20th, 1896.

On behalf of the Committee

[illegible]

Treasurer's Report.

Committee on Foreign Missions of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, in account with Wm. [illegible] Treasurer.

1895-1896 Received.

Interest from Permanent Fund on New Bedford Bank	$161.[illegible]
From Anna Conklin through Mary M. Post	5.00
Susan T. Boris, for Emily [illegible] work	[illegible]
Wm Thompson, contribution received	15.15
Huldah Gifford by Wm Thompson	25.00
Margaret and Edmund Price	5.00
Susie Norris	5.00
Mrs. M. A. Bristol	2.00
Sophia G. Hubbard	5.00
Rev. R. P. Gibson	2.00
Friends in Estacado, Texas through Hannah M. Baker	5.00
Jacob L. Boulder	5.00
Wm Thompson, proceeds of lecture at Tamworth and Sandwich	7.00
Ellen Collins	20.00
Elizabeth M. Hawkes	5.00
Mrs. Charles D. Wilbur	65.00
Contributions at Maryland Ridge	1.06
H. L. Collins	.25
Susan M. Seabury	25.00
Amount carried forward	$424.06

[illegible]		[illegible]
From [illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]
Emma C. Swift for support of a bed in Hospital at Ramallah		[illegible]
Lucy M. [illegible]		5.00
Friends' Sewing Circle [illegible]		[illegible]
Charles [illegible] Starbuck		7.00
[illegible]		20.00
[illegible] California by M. Jones		2.00
Wm Thompson		3.00
Isabella Stanley, by D. H. Stanley		[illegible]
[illegible] Smith, for a day scholar, [illegible] year		[illegible]
Carrie Smith, Education of Helanie Hanna		[illegible]
Martha C. [illegible]		30.00
Martha C. Swan, Mite Box		5.00
Samuel Miles		5.00
Mary E. Taylor		36.76
Henry M. Aldrich, by Mary M. Post		[illegible]
Emma Wingate, by Ellen M. Jones		5.00
J. E. Eves, for Anna & Lillian		[illegible]
Class of little Girls, through Carrie Smith		2.00
Allen's Neck Bible School, by Lillie S. Gifford		9.50
Woonsocket Bible School, by E. T. Read		65.00
Edgebrooke, N. J. Bible School, by R. E. Allinson		5.00
[illegible] Bible School, by D. F. [illegible]		42.50
Manhattan Chapel School, by Mary M. Post		10.00
[illegible] Neck Bible School, by Olive D. Kenland		4.00
[illegible] Seabury's Bible Class, by Helen M. Seabury		5.00
New Bedford Bible School by classes of Mary and Helen Seabury, Gertrude Smith & Dottie Butler		[illegible]
Bolton Bible School, by Alfred Dow		9.40
Sarah J. Swift, for support of a bed in Hospital contributed as follows;—		
Bolton Bible School	11.00	
[illegible] Bible School	14.50	
Friends at Woonsocket	14.50	
[illegible]	10.00	50.00
[illegible]		[illegible]

Amount brought forward [illegible]

From Northfield Berkeley Christian Union

Treasury, Collected by W. W. Lawrence, Treas. 150.00

Second Northfield by [illegible] 0.00

Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, by [illegible], Treas. [illegible]

Providence Monthly Meeting, [illegible] Treas. [illegible]

Providence Monthly Meeting, [illegible] Treas. [illegible]

Salem Monthly Meeting, J. Elwood Paige, Treas. 118.75

Smithfield Monthly Meeting, J. Augustus Davis, Treas. 7.25

Nine Months Meeting, Lindley H. Osborne, Treas. 20.00

Boston Monthly Meeting, [illegible] S. Jones, Treasurer 88.98

Woodstock Monthly Meeting, [illegible] Treas. [illegible]

Westport Monthly Meeting, [illegible] Treas. [illegible]

Falmouth Monthly Meeting, [illegible], Treas. 2.00

Springfield Monthly Meeting, W. H. Aldrich, Treas. 19.00

Scituate Monthly Meeting, E. M. Babcock, Treas. 116.25

Sutton Monthly Meeting, [illegible] Treas. [illegible]

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, [illegible] Treas. [illegible]

Plainfield Monthly Meeting, [illegible] Buffum, Treas. [illegible]

Greenfield [illegible] Meeting, [illegible] Cartland, Treas. 5.00

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, Elizabeth S. H. Wood, Treas. 7.00

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, [illegible] Treas. [illegible]

Sharon Monthly Meeting, [illegible] Treas. [illegible]

[illegible] Monthly Meeting, [illegible] Treas. [illegible]

Quaker Monthly Meeting E. A. Bailey, Treas. 11.50

[illegible] 10.00

Martha [illegible] 3.00

Phebe W. Sawtelle 8.00

Martha Greaves 10.00

[illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible]

W. F. M. S. of New England, Susan H. Meader, Treas. 1300.00

[illegible] by Susan H. Meader 0.[illegible]

[illegible] by Susan H. Meader 5.00

[illegible] by Susan H. Meader 5.00

[illegible] by Susan H. Meader 0.00

[illegible] by Susan H. Meader [illegible]

New York W. F. M. S. Mary L. Chase, Treasurer 10.00

[illegible] W. F. M. S. [illegible] [illegible]

Amount carried forward $3090.07

Amount brought forward	$3090.07
From Purchase Quarterly Meeting W.F.M.S. Lydia A. Griffen Treasurer	100.00
Baltimore Foreign Mission Committee, Katharine M. Brevett Treas. for Jiffneh School	140.00
Philadelphia W.F.M.S. Ellen W. Longstreth, Treas. through Haverford branch for bed in Hospital $50; and Medicine $40.	90.00
Total amount received from all subscriptions	$3,470.07
Received from Strafford [illegible] from last year	$387.59
Amounts borrowed from "Building Fund" to meet deficiency in Subscriptions, as follows;	
From Building Fund in Strafford Bank	414.63
From Building Fund in York County Bank	300.00
From Interest on Building Investment	350.00
	1,064.63
	$4,922.29

Expended.

1895 6th Mo.	25.	Paid	Chas. M. Jones and wife, on salary	$300.00
7th "	3.		Chas. M. Jones for two tickets to Port Said	280.00
" "	8.		500 Government Envelopes & Postage Stamps	16.00
" "	20.		Edwards & Walker, for Tools sent to Palestine	[illegible]
" "	23.		for London Draft for Mission £100 sterling	490.25
10th "	2.		for London Draft sent the Mission, £100, sterling	489.00
" "	24.		for London Draft sent the Mission, £100 sterling	488.50
11th "	8th		Geo. C. Herbert for 2000 letter heads and express	10.25
" "	29		American Friend, for half-tone Plates and Papers	12.36
"	29		For Postage Stamps	3.00
12th "	20		for London Draft, sent Mission at Ramallah £[illegible]	[illegible]
"	20		Mary [illegible] Garrett, for Mission Pamphlets	5.00
			Amount carried forward	$2605.8[illegible]

1896			carried forward	$[illegible]
1st	Mo.	10th	Paid, for Review of Reviews sent to Ramallah	8.00
"	"	14	Kendall & Whitney for Garden Seeds sent to Ramallah	[illegible]
2d	"	20	for Postage Stamps	6.00
"	"	24	Cablegrams & [illegible]	[illegible]
3d	"	9	Cablegrams	[illegible]
"	"	9	London Draft (made to credit Lyonnais [illegible]	732.75
"	"	18	C. [illegible] Jackson for copying Photo of Giffard School	[illegible]
"	"	31	Cablegrams	[illegible]
4th	"	3	Six blank letter files	3.24
"	"	10	B. B. Hill for Letter-press Blotter Pads	1.20
"	"	20	Hall L. Davis for Blank Books	10.82
"	"	23	London Draft, made to credit Lyonnais Bank for Mission	733.12
5th	"	11th	C. Goodwin Architect for Plans	12.00
"	"	11th	A. P. [illegible] for Mission [illegible]	[illegible]
"	"	11	Calvin W. Pritchard, for Quarterlies etc. for Mission	8.72
"	"	19	Hospital Expenses, through H. J. Bailey (from M. Greaves)	10.00
"	"	20	For two tickets to Port Said for T. B. Hussey and [illegible]	280.00
"	"	26	Hall L. Davis for [illegible]	[illegible]
6th	"	5	for London Draft, made to credit Lyonnais for Mission	489.00
				$4,922.29

Examined vouchers and found correct.

R. P. Gifford Auditor.

Report of Mission Funds in Hands of Wm. T. Hussey, Treasurer

In New Bedford Tin Cent Savings Bank, Permanent Fund		$[illegible]
In Strafford Savings Bank, Building Fund	$2,934.65	
Amount carried forward	$2,934.65	$[illegible]

[illegible] forward	$2,934.65	$[illegible]
One note on Interest at 5% and secured by collateral	4,000.00	
One note on Interest at 5 per cent and secured by collateral	[illegible]	
[illegible] Building & Permanent fund		8,434.65
		$10,434.65

Wm T. Hussey, Treasurer

24. The report of the Committee on Western Indians has been read. It is a cause of much satisfaction to us that it has been fully demonstrated [illegible] civilization of the Indian is more than a possibility. The report is satisfactory. The recommendation for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of the Committee on Western Indians

To the Yearly Meeting

The work of the Associated Executive Committee has continued on the same lines as last year.

In consequence of the prolonged absence of its Chairman Edward M. Wistar in Armenia, it was thought advisable to omit the annual meeting.

Sixteen recognized ministers of the Gospel with their families [illegible] in the work during the past year, ten of whom are now in the field.

Five meetings formerly reported by us, have been transferred to the care of Kansas Yearly Meeting. These meetings were largely composed of whites. We have now five Monthly Meetings included in one report, viz: Grand River, Blue Jacket, Skiatook, Shawneetown and Iowa. Twenty-seven meetings for worship are embraced within these Monthly Meetings with a membership of 20[illegible] of which [illegible] are Indians.

George and Ella Hartley reside at Shawneetown, and superintend the work under the care of the Associated Executive Committee. The meeting here numbers fifty Indians and seventy-three whites. The children of the Government Boarding School, now numbering one

hundred and eight attend regularly, which gives importance to the work here. Reports from the field are received every month by the Committee from each yearly Meeting. In this way we are brought, though widely separated from the work into close touch and sympathy with our Indian friends and with those who have the care of our several stations.

The mission at the Ottawas has been under the care of Nathan and Abbie Haworth since last Tenth month when Robert Anderson and wife resigned. This meeting has 45 members 57 of whom are Indians. The average attendance on First-days has been 46 and at mid-week meetings 43. A Christian Endeavor Society has been sustained with some interest and profit. A meeting once a week is held with the children in the Quapaw Government School. Meetings at Peoria and Longs are also attended by Wm P. Haworth and wife. From letters received from these missionaries we find they have taken special care to visit the Indians within their territory at their homes, where they find great destitution as to the necessaries of life and little or no furniture in their homes; more attention as a whole is paid to the cultivation of their land and the proceeds from it are largely used for further improvements. Indians differ in regard to their general capabilities, much the same as whites.

The Modocs have Elwood and Amy Cook residing among them. These missionaries have entered into the work with much interest and satisfaction to the Indians. Samuel Clinton, a Modoc and a recorded minister, exercises his gift to the edification of the Meeting.

There has been an increase of attendance on the part of the Indian members at the Wyandotte Meeting. Friends do not own a meeting house here but are allowed the privilege of the Methodist house when not in use for their meetings.

Work among the Senecas is progressing. Smith Nichols, an Indian, continues faithful among his people, often reminding them of their only

[illegible] when [illegible] arrows were placed in their hands and they [illegible] without any [illegible] of [illegible] the papers [illegible], thus stimulating them to greater diligence in the Sabbath School work. [illegible] contributed towards the construction of a meeting house [illegible] Seventh [illegible] Sabbath [illegible]. Lucy [illegible], also a Seneca Indian has conducted a Bible Class successfully near her home with an average attendance of 25. The Skiatook Meeting has 87 members. The present enrollment of the Boarding School is 88, three fourths of whom are Indians. The comfort and convenience of the large family has been greatly increased by the erection of a substantial addition to their buildings. There are about 330 Indians within a radius of ten miles from this center. The Kickapoo work will be reported by the A. F. M. Society. The Iowa Indians who, a few years ago were located at the Iowa Mission now number 70. They have been settled and distributed over their [illegible] to their allotted land, 20 miles north of the old Mission. Several of them have [illegible] to settle down and improve their lands. A meeting-house and a dwelling house will soon be built near their allotments.

Thirty-eight meetings have been held with them the past year with an average attendance of fifty-two. In one of Charles E. Pearson's letters, we find the following: "Arrived at the Iowa settlement late Seventh-day evening and commenced visiting families early First-day morning, reading the Scriptures and praying with them as opportunity offered. The meeting in the afternoon held until night, all the Indians were present. Spent the night with [illegible], an Indian. In the morning breakfast was served for us on a small table spread with a clean cloth, while theirs was served on the dirt floor as is the custom. After we were well seated they asked me to return thanks for both tables."

Besides the regular services of our missionaries, thirteen series of meetings have been held resulting in seventy-five professed conversions. Nine thousand four hundred and sixty-eight miles have been travelled in the work. The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $[illegible]. We recommend that $525 be appropriated for the use of the Executive Committee.

On behalf of the Committee

Joyce E. Frye, Secretary

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Western Indians

1890 and 1896.

Receipts.

Balance from last year		$58.62
Received from Monthly Meetings as follows:		
Amesbury	$6.00	
Berwick	0.50	
Boston	31.00	
Bolton	1.50	
China	1.50	
Dartmouth	5.00	
Fairfield	5.00	
Falmouth, Me.	[illegible]	
Greenwich	[illegible]	
New Bedford	[illegible]	
Providence	34.00	
Rhode Island	20.00	
Sandwich, Mass.	39.25	
Sandwich, N.H.	5.00	
Swansea	21.20	
Salem	80.30	
Smithfield	7.50	
Uxbridge	[illegible]	
Vassalboro	.65	
Westport	12.00	
Weare	10.00	
Winthrop	[illegible]	
Total from Monthly Meetings		454.20
Amount carried forward		$512.82

Amount brought forward	$512.82
Received from Dover Bible School	10.00
" Lynn Bible School	10.00
" Manchester, Me. Bible School	7.80
" Worcester Bible School	10.00
" Sayleville Bible School	2.00
" Pittsfield Christian Endeavor Society	1.00
" Sayleville Christian Endeavor Society	2.00
" Sayleville Junior Christian Endeavor Society	1.00
" Electa J. Collins	25.00
	$581.12

Expenditures

Paid for Support of Robert W. [illegible], Indian Territory	$[illegible]
" " Wm P. Haworth, Indian Territory	168.00
" [illegible], Skiatook, Mission	[illegible]
Paid amount due Associated Executive Committee 1895	75.00
" " " 1896	75.00
Total payments	$502.0[illegible]
Balance on Hand for Coming year	79.12

Samuel Buffum, Treasurer.

Newport Sixth Month 13th, 1896.

25. The Nominating Committee presented names of a Committee on Correspondence.

Adjourned [illegible], Second day morning 10th.

Second day morning 10th.

Met at the hour appointed

Epistles from our Friends in Canada, Western, Wilmington Kansas Oregon and California Yearly Meetings have been read

26. The report of the Committee on the suppression of the liquor traffic was read, showing diligence in their work in the face of discouragement, apathy and opposition. We trust that our Society may be true to its principles and its history and become stronger and stronger in its efforts for order, sobriety and good government.

27. The Committee on Finances through its Secretary

presented its report which is satisfactory.

We are confirmed in our belief that the method adopted for raising funds for church work is the right one. We wish to impress upon our membership the thought that the silver and gold are His and that we be sure that in the matter of finance there be not a withholding of more than is meet.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The primary object of this plan of raising money is to bring Christians to see that divine ownership and human stewardship must be the recognized rule of life, in order that the Church may accomplish aggressive work for Christ. Each year shows an advance in the hearts of individual members in this direction, and the custom of systematic and proportionate giving is being more generally adopted by them, still there are whole meetings which have not shown co-operation. The contributions of Boston, Westport and Uxbridge Monthly Meetings have exceeded their quotas. It is to be regretted that Durham, South Kingstown, Dover, Windham, Lewiston, Maple Grove and Unity have sent forward nothing for the philanthropic work of the Yearly Meeting during the year. Your committee herewith presents the plan revised in a more simple form, while not changing its working principle, and recommend that it be printed in the minutes of this meeting with this report and that a sufficient number of slips be issued to supply our membership.

The following is the tabulated statement

Contributions from the Several Monthly Meetings towards the General work carried on by the Yearly Meeting.

Monthly Meetings	Gospel Work	Foreign Missions	Western Indians	Freedmen	City Work	Temperance	Education	Peace	Total Collections	Amount [illegible]
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting										
Rhode Island	$20.00	$[illegible]	20.00	$9.81	$6.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00	$86.81	$550.55
Greenwich		21.50	7.00	7.00	11.50				47.50	78.65
Smithfield	44.85	66.50	21.20	13.10	6.50	5.92		2.42	159.49	440.44
Providence	15.00	92.00	39.00	[illegible]	6.50	15.50	3.50	5.50	210.50	440.44
S. Kingstown										
									$503.80	
Salem Quarterly Meeting										
Salem	$93.50	$73.75	$85.30	$35.05	$16.83	$21.55	$6.70	$10.00	$363.06	$682.11
Amesbury	15.50	7.25	6.00	2.75	4.25	6.00	1.00	5.50	42.25	257.40
Weare	[illegible].00	20.00	10.50		7.50	10.50		11.50	111.00	218.79
Bretton	60.50	65.04	30.55	17.75	5.62	6.51	2.46	7.[illegible]	196.56	128.70
									$712.[illegible]	
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.										
Sandwich, Hav.	$5.50	$30.50	$39.25	$5.50		$1.25			$80.50	$214.50
Dartmouth	15.45	7.00	5.50	[illegible].50	1.00	3.15	1.70	1.00	35.30	143.50
Westport	20.00	15.50	12.50	12.45	7.50	7.00	4.00	10.[illegible]	87.47	85.80
New Bedford	15.50	20.50	45.10	10.50	3.00	2.50	1.25	1.[illegible]	104.10	786.70
									$307.35	
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting										
Falmouth	$7.50		$1.75	$3.50			$1.73		$23.[illegible]	$267.41
Sandwich										151.93
Windham										27.62
Lincoln										60.77
									$23.[illegible]	
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting										
Smithfield	$4.10	$19.50	$17.85	$1.30	$1.20	$3.00		$1.55	$58.00	$118.76
Uxbridge	64.25	116.50	80.00	30.25	8.55	8.50	4.50	6.50	318.05	193.05
Blackstone	5.50	12.90	1.55	1.75					21.70	47.[illegible]
									$397.75	

Monthly Meetings	[illegible]	Young People's [illegible]	[illegible]	Freedmen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Peace	[illegible] collection	[illegible]
Various Quarterly Meetings										
[illegible]	1.00	$10.25	$ .05	$ .60	$ .50	$1.00			$17.[illegible]	$170.02½
[illegible]	6.00	5.00	1.00						12.00	137.60¾
[illegible]										58.45
[illegible]									$2.00	
Yearly Meeting										
[illegible]										$243.[illegible]
Berwick		$[illegible]	5.00					$ .00	$39.55	$102.00
									85.00	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting										
[illegible]					$1.55				$1.55	$17.60
[illegible]	$25.00	$24.00	$2.00	$ .00	$0.20	[illegible]	$2.00	[illegible]	17.80	[illegible]
St. Albans	2.00	1.50				[illegible]			5.95	42.97
									$11.5[illegible]	
Quarterly Meeting Treasurer										
[illegible]	$4.00		$3.00						7.00	47.00⅔
[illegible]		[illegible]			4.[illegible]				1.[illegible]	15.33⅓
									$16.[illegible]	
Total	$459.[illegible]	$674.75	$454.20	$156.70	$96.75	$123.70	$82.57	$[illegible]	$2,35[illegible].06	$7,150.[illegible]
[illegible]									$2,352.11	

For the Finance Committee,

J. O. Eydenott Secretary.

[illegible] N. S. [illegible] [illegible], 1890.

A Plan for Christian Giving.

The necessity of system in Christian giving is very generally recognized, and has its warrant in the words of Scripture, "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come." (1 Cor. 16:2). [illegible] (Luke 7:22). "Make [illegible]

[illegible] (Luke 2:14).

Many [illegible] of Messengers [illegible] before [illegible] of obedient to [illegible] Let each man [illegible] according as he hath [illegible] [illegible] of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful [illegible] (2 Cor. 9:7). The [illegible] Standard of tithes and offerings received a new impulse in the early Christian Church, when brought under the [illegible] sacrifice which was the offering of himself once for all.

1st Duties of Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance. The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance, composed of one man and one woman from each Quarterly Meeting, with the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting as member ex officio shall organize by the appointment of one of its members as Financial Secretary. It shall issue as early as the first of the Seventh Month of each year a general Circular Letter containing a statement of the several amounts necessary to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses (including obligations which may have been assumed) and also for philanthropic work under its care, the latter amounts having been specified by the respective standing committees in their annual reports to the Yearly Meeting. This Circular Letter shall embody such other items of interest and advice relating to finances as may have claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting, with directions about the use of the envelopes as may seem to be required. It shall contain suitable blanks in which to enter an estimate of Monthly and Preparative Meeting expenses with the apportionment to individual members. The following form is recommended.

The amount which - - - Monthly Meeting has directed to be raised to meet expenses the ensuing year, including its quota of Yearly and Quarterly stock is $

Quota of the above amount for - - - - - Preparative Meeting $ - - - -

[illegible] for - - - Preparative Meet

[illegible] Estate [illegible]

[illegible] proportion of the above amount is [illegible]

Treasurer.

This committee shall be [illegible] suitable books of entry for the [illegible] Monthly and Preparative Meetings, and shall have envelopes printed to [illegible] with the objects for which money is needed. They shall [illegible] interest in the work and a healthful spirit of giving among the members of their respective Quarterly Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to maintain a correspondence with the Treasurers of Monthly Meetings and also with the Treasurers of the several standing committees, who are receiving offerings through the envelopes and forward to the Monthly Meetings, as often as may seem best, a statement of the financial condition of each object for which funds are desired with any need that may exist.

2d Duties of Monthly Meetings and their Finance Committees. Monthly Meetings shall annually appoint three Friends from each of their Preparative Meetings, one of whom shall be the Treasurer of that Preparative Meeting, and these with the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting as member ex-officio shall constitute the Monthly Meeting's Committee on Finance. It is recommended that the financial year in each Monthly Meeting begin on the Sixteenth in order that the information and advice from the Yearly Meeting may be duly received through the Quarterly Meeting. The Finance Committee shall duly fill the blank spaces in the Circular Letter intended for estimates of all meeting expenses, and apportion to individual members the amounts considered necessary to meet such expenses. This committee shall distribute to each member, both male and female, who may be expected to aid the work of the church, envelopes for monthly offerings, properly numbered, and with the envelopes shall be given a copy of the Circular Letter, after the proper blanks have been filled.

Directly after the first Sabbath in the Month

[illegible] Third and Fourth months of each year the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting shall forward to the several Treasurers of the Yearly Meetings [illegible] all free-will offerings intended for the work [illegible] to them and shall also report the [illegible] annually to the Monthly Meeting.

3d. Duties of Preparative Meetings and their Treasurers. Whereas Monthly Meeting consists of more than one Preparative Meeting, each of such Preparative Meetings is advised to appoint a Treasurer to have charge of its receipts and disbursements. This Treasurer shall make a list in the book of entry furnished him by the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting of all members of the Meeting who may be expected to contribute, and assign to each a number except when members of one family prefer to be indexed under one number, when he may adapt his record to their choice. As the envelopes are returned to the Treasurer he will enter the items in the cash book, stating the number of the envelope and name of month when payment is made with the expective amounts in the proper columns. He shall forward monthly [illegible] will offerings to the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting. Contributions for local expenses shall remain in his hands to be paid as the Preparative Meeting may require.

4th Duties of Individual Members. — Each member who is able to do so, is desired to enclose in the envelope monthly contributions to [illegible] "Meeting Expenses," as apportioned by the Finance Committee; but, if preferred, the amount may be paid proportionately semi-annually or annually. He is also earnestly entreated to contribute free will offerings for the philanthropic work carried on by the Yearly Meeting, and named in the Circular Letter as may be consistent with his duty to God, as a steward of the property entrusted to him, being careful always to give an honest reply to the query, "How much owest thou unto my Lord?" If the donor has no choice how his offerings shall be appropriated, the amount may be placed against the item General Funds

and the Finance Committee of the Monthly Meeting will distribute it among the objects named as in its judgment seems best. The item "Meeting Expenses" on the envelopes includes the expenses of both the Preparative and Monthly Meetings. The item "General Fund" covers all objects [illegible] on the envelopes except "Meeting Expenses."

28. The Nominating Committee have presented names for vacancies occurring on the following Committees, viz: Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, Foreign Missions, Western Indians, Church Extension, all of which nominations this meeting confirms.

29. The Nominating Committee is instructed to present names of Friends for a Committee on Gospel Work, as follows, viz: Seven for one year, seven for two years and seven for three years. The Committee to effect its own organization.

30. We appoint Alice W. Cawker to fill a vacancy which has occurred on the Nominating Committee and the Representatives are authorized to fill any vacancy which may hereafter occur on said Nominating Committee.

Adjourned at [illegible] o'clock this afternoon.

Second-day Afternoon.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

31. We appoint Owen Dame, Barker Newhall, Charles H. Jones, Elizabeth Gifford and Elizabeth Larkin a Committee to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and present them to our next sitting.

32. The Committee on Bible Schools presented their report which has been listened to with interest and we are made thankful that this department of work, holding so important a place in church activities is [illegible] the devoted attention of so large a part of our membership.

Report of Bible Schools

To the England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

"And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."

If the great Teacher taught His disciples from all the Scriptures, it is the best endorsement we can have of our text book. If the teacher [illegible] of himself the teacher of to-day can have no higher aspiration than the power to make his scholars see Jesus in the written Word.

The spiritual and practical in Sabbath [illegible] work must be [illegible] if we would have completeness in teaching. People must be drawn to the place of teaching before they can be taught; hence we must consider methods. To-day so much literature is printed with suggestions and ways of working, that no school is obliged to work in one prescribed way.

In presenting the reports of the Bible Schools in this early meeting we can only touch upon the work that has been done. But as the reports have come to your Superintendent they have told of [illegible] and sincere interest. Is it not inspiring to know that we have in our midst though advanced in years, those who are still making an effort to gather a class for the study of the Word.

We have fifty eight schools, with a membership of 3,257. These schools have collected [illegible] .80; of this amount $530.80 has been used for missionary purposes.

Home Department.- Our school reports that they [illegible] taken up the work this year, making five schools engaged in this work, and the Superintendent writes: "I grand thing for country [illegible]. We do not know what the result will be if we can induce people in their homes to become more familiar with the Word."

Primary Department. More attention should be given to this department. [illegible] 443 children under our care in this grade. There are so many bright things to attract the children that it seems as if we might use some of them to gather the little ones into our schools. Afraid but a few of our schools have separate rooms for the children. Won't you remedy this evil as fast as possible? Children like to repeat in concert, to have an exercise all their own, which cannot be done

successfully in a room occupied by others. The children are the hope and the inspiration of the church. Let us do what we can to [illegible].

There are 340 boys and girls in the Intermediate Grade and what applies in some respects to the Primary [illegible] to the Intermediate Department.

Conferences. — We have not held a Yearly Meeting Conference for several years. I think if we could hold one somewhere within the limits of Sassalbow Quarterly Meeting it would be a great benefit to these schools.

Conferences have been held within the limits of Whole Island, Salem, Sandwich and Fairfield Quarterly Meetings.

Visitation. The Superintendent of Falmouth Quarter has visited all but one of the schools within the [illegible] The Superintendent of Salem Quarter has also been faithful in this respect. The other Superintendents have visited some of the schools as they have had opportunity.

It seems to your Superintendent that the Quarterly Meetings should do as Salem Quarterly Meeting has done [illegible] Appoint as Superintendent a person who can and will visit the schools and communicate with the Yearly Meeting Superintendent, or that we should put a person in the field who shall spend all his time and energies in visiting and building up the work. Our needs are many and they are great.

Record Books. These have been sent to all the schools for the year. While most of the schools have improved in keeping the records, they have not reached that perfection which is desirable.

Library Books. — There are several publishing houses which send out lists of books prepared for the Sabbath Schools from which local committees may make selections suitable for their schools. "Six Generations of Friends in Ireland" and "[illegible]" are the titles of two books which have been added to some of our libraries. They give a very good idea to our young people of what the principle of Peace meant to the members

of our Society.

It is estimated that there are about eleven and a half million children in this country between five and twenty years of age who are not in any Sabbath School. Are we doing all that we [illegible]

Gather some of these children into our schools? Think you any of these homeless ones (as far as the church is concerned) can be found in localities where we reside? God help us to so use the strength and power that he gives to us, that people [illegible] brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His Word. And so help them that they can say.

"If all the search lights of to-day
Flash down the historic ages
No greater glory will be found
Than in the Bible pages.
Brave heroes of the past stand forth
Each one some sin conceding;
But see the keen white light of truth
Our sinless Christ revealing

He stands in majesty divine
Within his face a glory
That dims the search lights piercing rays
And [illegible] his life's [illegible]
[illegible] pain and [illegible]
And kind deeds freely [illegible]
What sacrifice was like to that
Which brought our right to heaven?

Shall doubt to him hide from our sight
His face so pure and tender?
Shall earthly pride keep back the heart
We should to Him surrender?
Take Christ to-day; the highest, best
In all earth's wondrous story
[illegible] lived, He died, He rose [illegible]
[illegible] in glory."

To the Committee

[illegible] Mary L. Chace, Superintendent

[illegible]

County or District	Name of Teacher and address.	Where Located	Number of Pupils	Average Attendance	No. of Terms	No. of Weeks	Do they board at home?	[illegible]	Salary per week	Number of Days Absent	Number of Days Tardy	Text Books	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Portsmouth	Wm. B. Cornell, Portsmouth, R. I.	Rhode Island	56	20.8	30	5			110		10	R.	2	2		110	6.18	[illegible]
Portsmouth	[illegible] Albro, 48 Elm Street	Rhode Island	10	10	11	6			110	22	6	D. H. I.	2	1	1	110	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible] Street, Providence, R. I.	Providence	26	30	30	3	yes		110	60		H.	1	1	110	110	31.02	12
[illegible]	Robert P. Gifford, Providence, R. I.	Providence	21	10	10	2			110	10	6	C.		110	110	110	2.10	10
Swansea	Ralph Earle, Dighton, Mass.	Swansea	05	55½		4										110		12
East Rice	[illegible] Douglas [illegible]	Swansea	37	34	34	1			[illegible]	308	2	B. D. F. G.	3	4	110	110	[illegible]	[illegible]
E. Greenwich	Lydia E. Drinkwater, E. Greenwich, R. I.	E. Greenwich	23	10	10	2			110			a	1	2	110	110	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Totals		475															
[illegible]	D. C. Marfield, Amesbury	[illegible]	6[illegible]	33½	31	2				200	2	[illegible]	3	110	110	110	[illegible]	12
Dorchester	Thomas Wood, 4 Gleason St., Dorchester	[illegible]	97	44	62	8	yes		occasionally	200	3	B.	4	110	110	yes	52.[illegible]	12
East Lynn	Charles E. Bishop, 40 Green Avenue	[illegible]	214	124	30	20	yes		occasionally	2[illegible]	12	B. H. I.	2	110	110	110	111.50	12
Hinsdale	N. P. Buxton, Hinsdale, N. H.	[illegible]	14	10	10	2			110			D.	2	1		110	2.00	
[illegible]	Stephen Swett, Ayrsville, Haverhill, Mass.	Boston	95	73	60	7	yes		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		12
Lowell	Charles Kelley, Lowell, Mass.	Lowell	7	6	7							[illegible]					6.25	4
Lynn	Geo. W. Herbert, 17 Chatham St., Lynn, Mass.	Salem	140	71	55	13			occasionally	275	27	B.	1	1		yes	[illegible]	2
N. Hampton	Alfred Osborne, No. Hampton, N. H.	[illegible]	37		37	4			No. 10	500		D.	1	1	110	110	13.42	3
Salem	Geo. H. Jones, 15 Highland Ave., Salem	Salem	60	6	26	2			110			[illegible]	2	1		200	5.50	2
S. Pittsfield	A. N. Peaslee, So. Pittsfield, N. H.	Amesbury	52	2[illegible]	4	4	yes		[illegible]	10	3	[illegible]	2	3	110	110	20.70	2
Epping	Moses O. Nichols, West Epping, N. H.	Amesbury	10	7	9					100	3							12
Clinton Grove	Annie S. Bread, Clinton Grove, N. H.	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	3	2				200		[illegible]		4	110	110		[illegible]
	Totals		757															

Statistical Report. – Continued.

Name of School	Location	Name of Superintendent & Teacher	Monthly or Weekly	Number of Pupils	Average attendance	No. of Terms	No. of Hours	Are Pupils required to recite	Are Teachers Weekly or Monthly	Salary in Dollars	Expended for Teachers	Salary Paid	Number of days	Expense	Salary Expense	Expense for Contingencies	Amount of Expense	Cost per Pupil
Dartmouth	Allen Neck	Henry C. Allen Dartmouth Hill	Dartmouth	98	47	25	10		Yearly			10.	2	710	710	710	89.10	12
	Smith Neck	Elbridge L. Pearce Dartmouth	Dartmouth	57	29	19	6		710			16.	2	2	710	710	20.86	11
	Central Village	[illegible] Central Village	Westport	49	27½	36	5		710				1				30.71	12
	Reynolds Neck	Mary E. Gifford Central Village	Westport	52	28	3	5		710			73						1
	Long Plain	Richard Davis Long Plain	New Bedford	48	22¾	27	3	yes	710	420	36	a	4	710	710	710	30.71	12
	Acushnet	Adelaide L. Willis Acushnet	New Bedford	9	7	1	1		710	150		a	4	4	710	710	3.60	12
	New Bedford	A. H. Gifford New Bedford	New Bedford	136	60	12	2		710	500	70.75	b. 75.	2	4	710	710	44.50	10
	North Tarkiln	Olivia E. Macomber E. Rochester	New Bedford	25	17	5	3		Monthly	586	60	a	8	12	710	710		9
		Total																
Freetown	Assonet	[illegible] Hall-House Fire.	Freetown	10	[illegible]	1	5		[illegible]	70	2	a 10		2		710	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Assonet	Mrs. [illegible] Assonet Hill	Freetown	[illegible]	2	10	2		710	193	1	b. 10	3	710	710	[illegible]		12
	E. Freetown	Nathan T. [illegible] Lake	Freetown	56	40	[illegible]	3		710	173		10					[illegible]	12
	Lewiston	U. B. Holder Lewiston Fire.	Lewiston	[illegible]	32½	75	3			220		a				yes	70.42	[illegible]
	Southard	Fred C. Dearborn Southard Hill	Freetown	1	6		5			304	12	a 5.		1	710		107.70	12
	S. Dartmouth	Henry Perry So. Dartmouth Fire.	Dartmouth	[illegible]	23	[illegible]	[illegible]		Monthly	218	81	15		2	710	yes	38.80	12
	Westport	L. H. Gifford Westport Fire.	Westport	23								a	3			710	[illegible]	[illegible]
		Total		407														
Westport	Central	Alfred Rose Central Village	Westport	65	34½	10	[illegible]			[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	10	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Gidleyville	[illegible] Gidleyville	Westport	75	34	12	4		710	333	216	a	4	710	710	710	[illegible]	12
	Smithfield	Sabina M. Hicks Westport	Westport	30	12½	3	1			130	1	a	12	11	710	710	11.71	11
	Horseneck	Jesse F. Tripp Horseneck R. S.	Smithfield	191	71	48	10		710	1774	311	10	3	3	1	710	119.40	12
		Total		317														

Statistical Report – Continued

Association	Name of Delegate	Place of Meeting	Number of Churches	Number of Members	No. of Pastors	No. of Licentiates	No. of Deacons	Amount Paid Pastors	Amount Paid Other Ministers	Amount Paid Deacons	Number of Baptisms	Number of Exclusions	Number of Restorations	Amount Raised for Benevolence	Amount Raised for Other Purposes	Number of Sunday Schools
Androscoggin	Lewiston Thirty	Lewiston	18	27	20	2	[illegible]	700	600		70			[illegible]	16,000	2
	E. Livermore	Livermore	18	29		2					70		4		1,000	1
	North Jay		25	20												
	W. Minot	Minot	28	312		2			300	20	80	1	3	3	[illegible]	5
	Auburn	Auburn	22	22	1	3					70	1			2,000	2
	Auburn	Chas. W. Jones, China Me.	20		1?	2									700	6
		Totals	231													
Dover	Dover	Clarence S. Pinkham, Dover, N.H.	38	20	30	3		700	200	1	12	1		1	700	27,00	12
	Conic	C. E. Peasley, Conic, N.H.	37	24	24	3		700	190		18					18,00	12
	N. Lenoch	W. T. Kinney, N. Lenoch, Me.	5														
	Dexter	Otis Merrill, Dexter, N.H.	23	18	25	3		700			26	2	700	700	700	9,20	9
		Totals	120														
Kennebec	Augusta	Thos. Hiscock, Augusta	39	35	9	5		700			10	3	4	700	400	250	
	Gardiner	Geo. Lawrence, Gardiner, Me.	23	—		4		700	20		20		700	700	700	650	9
	Manchester	G. H. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.	33	30	22	4		700	50		15	3	4	700	700	62,70	12
	N. Fairfield	Geo. D. Hall, No. Fairfield Me.	30	22	16	4		700	100		12		—	—		9,50	12
	Sidney	Geo. A. Hale, Sidney	37	—	11	4		700	60				—	—	400		2
	St. Albans	Geo. H. Chandler, St. Albans, Me.	38	20	33	4		700	—		11	3	3	700	700	3,00	12
	Winthrop	Geo. E. Bailey, Winthrop Center, Me.	104	82		4		Weekly	700		15	—	4	700	700		12
	W. Gardiner	Geo. Pinkham, W. Gardiner	28	28	13	3		700	—		8	1		—	—	1,00	12
		Totals	344														
Androscoggin	E. Paramount	Geo. H. Bickford, E. Paramount, Me.	44	30	30	3		700	282	22	20	4	4	24	700	212	12
	Sandwich	Cornelius Turner, N. Sandwich, N.H.	47	22	25	3		700	62	20	8	2	4	700	700	192	12
		Totals	91														
		Total Membership	2,[illegible]														

Committee on Bible School for Year Ending Yearly Meeting of Friends, in account with Sarah [illegible] Gifford, Treasurer.

Receipts.

Contributions from Monthly Meetings	[illegible]
From seventeen Bible Schools in payment for Record Books	[illegible].56
Gross Receipts	$[illegible]3.56
Balance from last year	39.39
	$[illegible]

Expenditures.

Postage and Stationery	$6.65
Leaflets	1.12
Balance now on hand	30.38
	$[illegible]3.15

Respectfully submitted

[illegible] Gifford

Newport, Sixth Month 13, 1896. Treasurer of Committee

33. The report on Freedmen has been read and accepted. The proposition for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee. The difficulties under which the Committee have labored have claimed our sympathy.

Report of Committee on Freedmen.

To the Yearly Meeting.-

The Marynda School has continued under the same management as that of recent years, with an average attendance per day of eighty three pupils in the Fall Term and [illegible] in the Spring Term.

The number of students receiving aid from the Georg Sturge Fund in the Fall Term was 33, and in the Spring Term 57.

We are thankful for the blessed work of the Holy Spirit, which, the Principal writes, has never been more sensibly near than in the past school year. And we would record our appreciation of L. H. Garner's self-sacrificing labors in the care of the Institution.

With the yearly Meetings usual appropriation

of five hundred ($500) dollars [illegible] the [illegible] contributions will [illegible] short of [illegible] hundred ($[illegible]) dollars the [illegible] Principal for another school year.

After this we do not think it will be possible to hold the property and carry on the work unless the investments held by the Trustees shall have become of sufficient value to afford an income.

We earnestly pray that the blessing of our Heavenly Brother may rest upon this part of His heritage and that this Institution, which seems to us such a favorable situation for practical aid to the descendants of Freedmen, may be shared to our yearly meeting for blessed service in future years.

Robert P. Gifford, Secretary.

Financial Statement.

Receipts.

Donation for repairs account	$50.00
Yearly Meeting Loan	1000.00
Yearly Meeting Appropriation	500.00
Contribution from Monthly Meetings	186.76
Augustine Jones, Trustee of the George Sturge Fund	1450.33
" " " for H. Camp Fund	60.00
" for B. F. Knowles Fund	9.00
	$3256.09

Expenditures

Paid L. H. Gamer Principal on Wages Account of Years 1895 and 1896	$1000.00
Paid the same for Wages on Account, 1895 & 1896	755.76
Paid on Repairs Account	[illegible]
Paid for Aid to Students on G. Sturge Fund	1450.33
	3256.09

Robert P. Gifford, Treasurer.

Annual Report of the Freedman's Normal Institute, Maryville, Tenn., for the Year 1895-6.

Number of days taught	190
Number enrolled	[illegible]
Per cent of attendance	84.7

Number of boarders in the building [illegible]
Number of teachers in the Training Class [illegible]
Number graduating in the Elementary Course [illegible]

In presenting this report we realize the importance of the work committed to us, and with thankfulness acknowledge the guidance and loving care of the Father of all who has given us strength and support in carrying it forward; and especially grateful are we for the encouragement received in being permitted to see the gathering of so many into the Fold and for the earnestness shown by the students in Christian work.

Respectfully submitted

L. H. [illegible]

34. [illegible] Trustees of the George Sturge, B. F. [illegible] and [illegible] Funds has been read and approved.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the George Sturge [illegible] Funds.

[illegible]

George Sturge Fund.

Receipts

Balance from last year	$ [illegible]
Coupons paid Seventh Month 1st	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Interest on Deposits	[illegible]
	$ [illegible]

Expenditures.

Assisting Student Fall Term [illegible]	$ [illegible]
Assisting Student Spring Term [illegible]	[illegible]
Rent of Box in Rhode Island [illegible]	[illegible]
Balance for New Account	[illegible]
	$ [illegible]

[illegible] Fund.

Receipts

To dividend 59, Willimantic Linen Co.	$
" " 60, Willimantic Linen Co.	[illegible]
	$ [illegible]

Expenditures.

[illegible] Month 8th, 1896. [illegible] $[illegible]

[illegible] Camp Fund.

Receipts.

Interest on Mortgage for $[illegible] $[illegible]

Expenditures.

[illegible] $[illegible]

" " " " Fifth Month 23d, 1896 30.[illegible]

$[illegible]

[illegible]

Samuel R. Buffinton

Sixth Month 12th 1896.

35. The Representatives presented to the Meeting the following recommendation, viz:

1. We recommend that in future, removal certificates in favor of members of other Yearly Meetings as Elders, shall not confer upon such members the station of Elder in this Yearly Meeting.

2. We have considered the request of Fairfield Quarterly Meeting on the subject of modifying the [illegible] legs of birthright membership, and are united in recommending that no change be made in the Discipline. [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] years, [illegible] of our Discipline as now existing.

Owen [illegible]

Newport, Sixth Month 15th, 1896.

Item No. 1 was approved.

Item No. 2, claiming our further attention, it is now concluded to refer the subject to the Representative Meeting.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of Friends for the following committees viz: Gospel Work Suppression of Liquor Traffic, all of which are approved and confirmed.

(The following report should have been inserted with Minute 26)

Report of the Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

To Dear Engaged Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends: Your committee in retrospect of the year's work now drawing to a close, feel to thank our Heavenly Father for the time and opportunity, and mean. He has granted us of doing what we have done for the advancement of His kingdom in the earth. The liquor traffic now presents the greatest obstacle in the path of Christian progress. It is the source of at least 90 per cent of all crime, misery, poverty and pauperism. It is an organized evil to perpetuate its own existence by influencing our legislation and by every means it can command, corrupt and corrupting, to secure its ends. It is sapping the foundations of the home and of society and threatens the perpetuity of our national government.

Christian principle and patriotism impel us to action by every means a good Providence puts in our power to avoid the evils of this traffic by both moral conviction and legal prohibition. To this end your committee, so far as reported, has distributed over thirty thousand pages of literature the past year in leaflets and books mostly relating to the subject of our appointment. Of this amount thirteen thousand passed through the hands of our Superintendent of Literature, Mary Almy Chase.

Most of our Bible Schools, we believe, take up monthly a temperance Bible lesson. Our ministers do not omit to preach the gospel of temperance. Our Christian Endeavor Societies also have this as a special subject before them in many of their prayer and business meetings, and some of them have a temperance committee which reports monthly.

There is reported $83.00 expended by Hannah J. Bailey for lectures on the subject.

Lucy A. Dunn reports thirty meetings held by her in the interests of this work, seven of them in evangelical churches of other denominations with the

active co-operation of their pastors. The [illegible] remarkable cases of blessing in deliverance from the [illegible] of appetite; also of men who have made [illegible] to have [illegible] for [illegible] and to consecrate that mighty weapon, a [illegible] to the service of God. There have also been held in Ben Bedford [illegible] and probably in other places [illegible] meetinghouses and under the care of members of the Committee on Temperance, meetings and addresses delivered by speakers of national reputation.

[illegible] to recognize in the cause of Christian citi[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] may be remembered that two years ago, at the [illegible] of your committee, a memorial to Congress was [illegible] and signed by your Clerks, as well as by some [illegible] of Inquiry in regard to the effects of the [illegible] presented, referred and favorably reported upon, [illegible] strange to say, no appropriation was made to defray [illegible]. It has, however, [illegible] [illegible] ded an appropriation of ten thousand dollars [illegible] Let us still trust the day is not [illegible] [illegible] destructive influence of the traffic on the [illegible] prosperity of our country.

It seems right, in conclusion, to refer to the removal [illegible] death [illegible] the Providence of God she has been ca[illegible] [illegible] to be forever with Jesus.

Signed in behalf of the Committee by

Joseph H. Atwater, Cle[illegible]

P.S. Upon [illegible] would request the [illegible] appropriation for its use.

Report of Treasurer of Temperance Committee.

Receipts.

[illegible] Portland	$ [illegible]
[illegible] Treasurer	[illegible]
[illegible] Treasurer	[illegible]
[illegible] Treasurer	[illegible]
	$ [illegible]

Expenditures.

Paid on account of Literature	$ 34.10
Paid on account of Lectures	83.00
Balance on hand	26.36
	$ 143.46

Respectfully submitted.

Elisha T. Read, Treasurer.

Woonsocket, R.I., Sixth Month 12th, 1896.

Note. For a detailed statement of receipts from Monthly Meetings, see report of the Financial Secretary.

Third day morning, 16th.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

36. The Committee on Foreign Missions request that the sum of $2,000 be raised by collections from Monthly Meetings for its use the ensuing year. The matter is referred to the Finance Committee.

37. The records of the Representative Meeting were read and its action approved.

38. The Representatives presented names of Friends to fill vacancies in the Representative Meeting which are satisfactory and they are appointed.

39. The Queries, with answers summarized from answers forwarded by the Quarterly Meetings, have been read. The reading of the answers from the several Quarterly Meetings being omitted under a suspension of the rules.

Summary Answers.

Our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, except some of the meetings at Woonsocket fifty in other places and a few other [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Day are duly attended, and [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible], and seldom if ever attend our religious meetings.

[illegible] Love and unity are generally maintained in [illegible] Quarterly Meetings; in another, exceptions are noted; while in still another there is a decided lack. Seduction is mostly guarded against. Endeavors are made to end differences when they arise.

2. While we believe that most Friends are concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train their children and others in precept, yet more faithfulness is needed in these [illegible].

4. Our members are generally concerned to read the Holy Scriptures as required. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry appears to be maintained with some exceptions in three Quarterly Meetings.

5. In two Quarterly Meetings Friends [illegible] abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Thirteen exceptions are definitely reported in five Quarterly Meetings, while two others give no [illegible] [illegible]. Not wholly clear as to [illegible] and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character.

6. Care is taken to relieve and assist the poor and to educate their children.

7. Most Friends maintain our testimony in military matters, there is greater laxity in the use of [illegible] while one Quarterly Meeting reports deficiency in giving a clear [illegible] for public [illegible].

8. With a few exceptions we believe Friends inspect their affairs, settle their accounts, are punctual in the fulfilment of their promises, just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the [illegible] of their circumstances.

9. Records are correctly kept. Some removals [illegible]

10. The Discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially but not always in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The state of [illegible] is revealed in the answers which we believe to have been given with regard to [illegible] [illegible] has brought the meeting into thoughtful exercise. Our duty to God in the family is [illegible] for in the [illegible] [illegible] been especially dwelt upon. The home is the proper starting point and nothing tells more in after years than the influences that go to the moulding of young lives in the home. No greater [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] around our boys and girls [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and unknown environments than the habit of daily reading and study of the scriptures and the observance of stated time for devotion. Let the home be a shrine to which the young [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and in his business life can look back and [illegible] strength for a [illegible] trust in the God of his fathers.

Let our hands be clean in this matter.

The [illegible] of the brethren is [illegible] essential to Christian influence. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] important for us to question ourselves how we attend them as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be life in the singular, if there is to be life in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in the family is a reasonable preparation for worship in the meeting. Let the meeting be made up of souls filled with love to God and love to men, souls ready for any service, susceptible alike to constraint and restraint, and the questions of method and form will become very simple. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Master's. A love that is ready to make sacrifice. A love that will lead us to trust each other even upon points where individual opinions may differ. There is a blessed Christian unity infinitely deeper and fuller than any mere uniform[illegible]

[illegible]

The gospel of our Lord is something in which we all [illegible]

[illegible]

40. The Nominating Committee presented names of [illegible] to fill [illegible] on the Committee on [illegible] Schools and Freedmen. Anna M. Hussey is released from service on the Freedmen's Committee, at her own request.

[illegible] this afternoon.

Afternoon.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

41. [illegible] to this meeting the names of three new Friends, to constitute a board of Trustees of the [illegible] belonging to Oak Grove School.

42. The report of the Committee to disburse the income of the [illegible] Fund [illegible]

Report of the Committee on Disbursement of the Income of the H. H. Mosher Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your committee report that [illegible] by last year's committee, were received and distributed [illegible]

"American Friend" and fifty copies of the Friends' Missionary Advocate" have been subscribed for.

On account of the small balance in the Treasurer's hands at the beginning of the year it seemed as if the subscriptions to the "Friend" and the "Advocate" would be [illegible] the money known to be at the disposal of the Committee that little she could be done at present. About the middle of the year some of the interest so long delayed coming into the hands of the Treasurer the Life of Elizabeth Comstock was examined and on hand copies ordered. The supply in this country was then exhausted and the English publishers delayed in sending them so they have just been received and will be distributed as soon as possible.

Henry H. Goddard, Chairman
Deborah P. Atherton, Secretary.

Newport, R. I. Sixth Month 13th, 1896.

H. H. Mosher Fund.
Treasurer's Account.

Balance from former account	$22.31
Received from Owen Dame, Trustee	791.52
	[illegible]

Expenditures.

305 copies American Friend	$411.75	
50 copies Missionary Advocate	25.00	
109 copies Life and Letters of Elizabeth Comstock, with postage & express on same	128.93	
Freight and Express on Southern & [illegible]	[illegible]	
		[illegible]
Balance on hand		$[illegible]

J. E. [illegible], Treasurer

Lynn, Sixth Month 9th, 1896.

40. The report of the Trustees of the [illegible] been read and approved, viz:

Report of the Trustees of Mosher Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Funds in our hands are as follows:—

[illegible] $[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] 2,55[illegible]
$13,628.65

[illegible] $500.[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] $[illegible]

[illegible] $791.[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Sixth Month 8th, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to Queries of the Meeting
on Ministry and Oversight

We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline and careful to [illegible] the attendance of our families, with a little exception.

2. With some exception we are in unity with one another and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring to gather to Christ.

3. We believe our members frequently search the Holy Scriptures and [illegible] [illegible] standing of them, and are careful not to misquote [illegible]

[illegible]
on the State of Society

We have deeply felt, at this time, that we need to utilize all the opportunities of life and all the manifestations of Divine power to equip our members for definite, positive service in the vineyard of the Lord. [illegible] of our [illegible] must not be limited to our own members; our sphere is to be bounded only by the limits of the globe.

There can be no adequate power in gathering souls

[illegible] with [illegible] bind together the widest variety. [illegible] found in Christ [illegible] that we can work successfully with those who honestly think differently from ourselves. The higher we rise in the [illegible] of life, the greater the variety and the more [illegible] Christian church to be [illegible] fully consecrated in heart and [illegible] that Christian unity shall [illegible] the external variety.

If [illegible] Christ would [illegible] through every community represented here, if each individual would [illegible] and study the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians until its wonderful truths have become a [illegible] part of the life and thought [illegible] failures.

[illegible] individual [illegible], what am I personally doing to uplift Christ and to help those about me to see Him and come under His [illegible]; and every effort [illegible] to extend His [illegible] [illegible] heaven.

We were reminded that we need not only [illegible] but [illegible] power to make the [illegible] effective. It is not [illegible] machinery which we [illegible] to build up, or to keep up. We need power enough to make every bit of necessary machinery we have, accomplish something.

The machinery needs adjusting. Each individual needs to be adjusted by the Head of the Church so that he can work effectively with all other workers, and also adjusted to temperature, going neither too fast nor too slow [illegible] in the Spirit of the [illegible].

The headquarters of the church nowadays is in the field; its place is wherever it is needed, and it cannot exist by drawing into a stronghold apart from the world and by defending itself from attack. [illegible] occupies the field.

[illegible] [illegible]-guarded, easy-going, [illegible] among those who [illegible] and among those who may [illegible]

affected by any attendance of the outward forms of our [illegible] forms of the Truth. Neither is the Society [illegible] the fruit of service we must abide in Christ, and have there the constant spirit of the Lord — [illegible] and we in Him.

Peace is always a consequence of the right relation between the Soul and Him, and it cannot be gained until the relation is made a living, spiritual one. God always does His part, if there is any failure, it is on our part.

Report on Peace, Read.

40. The Committee on Peace have presented their annual report which is satisfactory.

We rejoice in the growth of public sentiment in favor of Peace and Arbitration as well as the example of our country [illegible]. Persistent, patient work will long be needed in this cause so dear to the heart of every Friend, and so essential to good government.

Report of the Committee on Peace.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Peace have employed such means as they had in hand, in assisting public lectures and in enlarging the circulation of the Advocate of Peace. By our direction thirty-two lectures have been given. Besides this, some sermons and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from information afforded them by us. We have tried to embrace opportunities for enlightening the minds as to the utter inconsistency of the war spirit with the Christian character, and to show that a change takes place when our generation of [illegible] the [illegible] spirit of the heart with the nobler spirit of justice and love. But what the Committee have done seems [illegible] insignificant when compared with the magnitude of the subject, and the greatness of the coming good to mankind through the adoption of peace principles.

We have, however, observed with deep thankfulness the rapid and providential progress now making

towards the establishment of a permanent system of international justice by arbitration and reason. This movement has within it some of the strongest minds in our country among preachers, educators, jurists and statesmen. Newspapers of the widest circulation, both secular and religious, are giving their readers pure and wholesome reading upon this subject; a subject which their editors regard as of the greatest importance in connection with the future welfare of our country.

The notable conference lately held at Washington, as well as that which meets yearly at Lake Mohonk in both of which members of our party Meeting have participated will no doubt be powerful and far reaching in their beneficent influence. The report of their discussions, addresses and resolutions, ought to be widely read.

The good thoughts concerning international peace and good-will, which are now being put forth, seem like the blossoming of the plant which for two centuries our fathers in the church have tried hard to cultivate and tend.

One of the speakers at the Washington Conference said [illegible] for the successful carrying out of the objects of the Conference lies in the development or evolution of an international conscience.

Let us be thankful that our mothers implanted within us a conscience which is radical and tender in connection with war and all its accessories and that our discipline and history have had a part in its education. Standing upon the foundation of a good conscience we may well advance our standard and broaden our view. With proper respect for the past we will do well to keep in touch and sympathy with the noble minds who in the present are carrying forward this reform among the nations which is [illegible] connected with the advance of the Redeemer's kingdom.

B. F. Trueblood, Chairman
Samuel Duffield, Secretary

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Peace.

Benefits

Balance from last year		$33.00
Received from Amesbury Monthly Meeting		0.[illegible]
" Salem	"	10.00
" Winthrop	"	4.00
" Abbridge	"	6.00
" Boston	"	7.[illegible]
" Smithfield	"	[illegible]
" Nicon	"	11.00
" Westport	"	10.[illegible]
" Berwick	"	10.[illegible]
" Swansea	"	2.42
" Dartmouth	"	1.[illegible]
" Providence	"	[illegible]
" Rhode Island	"	0.[illegible]
" Bedford	"	.25
		$108.18

Expenditures

Paid Hannah J. Bailey	$60.00	
Paid American Peace Society	43.00	
Paid Protested Check Winthrop Monthly Mtg	1.[illegible]	
		$104.58
Balance on hand		3.60

Thomas Wood, Treasurer.

46. An epistle to Dublin Yearly Meeting has been read and approved.

47. The annual report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been read.

Our young people, who are the church of the future are in training for valuable service, and we wish them encouragement.

Annual Report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor

To the New England Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends, In reviewing the work of Christian Endeavor in New England for the past year we have been greatly encouraged. We felt for a time that very little was being accomplished, but

the statistical report shows [illegible] that we have [illegible] and for which we [illegible] to [illegible] our Heavenly Father.

There has been no [illegible] growth in [illegible] of societies, for while [illegible] have been [illegible] [illegible] have been discontinued but without the addition [illegible] societies would give there is an increase of [illegible] active with a slight decrease of associate members, which we are glad to see for the [illegible] associate members we have in our societies the better. Twenty one associate members have become active, which shows that much prayerful work has been done.

There is an increase over last year of [illegible] in the number who have become Friends.

We are glad to note that the Juniors are doing a good work - $[illegible] is reported as having been raised by them for Mission work. We trust the number of Junior Societies will greatly increase, for if the children are early taught in Endeavor work, they appreciate it greatly in later years.

As we consider the wonderful leading and guiding of our Heavenly Father, we are filled with [illegible] gratitude and also with a greater enthusiasm than ever before to do more effectual work for Him, and our earnest prayer is that His richest blessing may attend the efforts of Endeavorers all over the land.

Respectfully for the Union,
Harriet E. MacLean, President
Mary A. Crosman, Secretary

48. A communication from a Committee of [illegible] Yearly Meeting has been read, and is referred to the Representative Meeting.

[illegible] Nominations for vacancies on the Committee on Peace and on Income of Mission Fund have been confirmed

Adjourned to meet in separate session to-morrow morning: Women's Meeting at 9 o'clock. Men's Meeting at 11 o'clock.

Fourth-day Morning 18th.

Met pursuant to adjournment in separate session.

After informal consideration of various subjects, resumed in joint session.

50. The subject of simplifying and abbreviating our records being brought to our attention, the matter is referred to the Representative Meeting for its consideration.

51. The Auditing Committee presented their report which is satisfactory. We appoint Samuel B. Buffington Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year; James E. Chace for Treasurer of Invigorate Edge Fund, and Joseph S. Briggs Treasurer of Oak Grove School.

Auditors' Report

To the Yearly Meeting:

Receipts.

Balance last year		$ 122.01
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting		550.00
Salem	"	450.00
Greenwich	"	500.00
Falmouth	"	212.50
Smithfield	"	150.00
Vassalboro	"	137.50
Dover	"	150.00
Greenfield	"	300.00
Parsonsfield	"	50.00
Cash from Loans on Demand		3000.00
Cash from Sarah R. Henley Legacy		600.00
Sales of Books of Discipline		22.75
Interest and Dividends		[illegible]
		$ [illegible]

Expenditures.

Yearly Meeting Expenses [illegible]	$ [illegible]
Rent of Safe Deposit Box	[illegible]
Amount Carried forward	$ [illegible]

Amount brought forward		$[illegible]
Paid Committee on Freedmen		[illegible]
Printing Reports of [illegible] Educational Conference		[illegible]
Loans Returned		2000.00
Insurance on Maryville Property		211.10
Insurance on Newport Meeting House		[illegible]
Printing Stationery and Copying		[illegible]
Interest Paid on Loan	$30.75	
Interest Paid on Loan	23.75	
Interest Paid on Loan	40.00	94.50
Interest on Oak Grove Note		50.00
Repairs on Newport Meeting House		[illegible]
Incidentals		[illegible]
Paid Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs		525.00
Paid Finance Committee Expenses		13.00
Paid on Oak Grove Note (Balance now due $500)		[illegible]0.00
Paid on Portland Grove Account (Balance now due $1750)		250.00
Paid Committee on Freedmen Appropriation		500.00
Balance in Treasurer's Hands		1020.28
		$7329.95

Note:- Of this balance ($1020.28) the sum of six hundred dollars is held for account of Sarah H. Hanley legacy to Foreign Missions, leaving net balance available for Yearly Meeting use four hundred twenty dollars and twenty-eight cents.

52. The Finance Committee have made the following recommendations which are approved, and the appropriations made.

Report of Finance Committee - Appropriations.

The Finance Committee recommend that $3000.00 be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year. They also recommend the following appropriations from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting:

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$[illegible]
Principal and Interest Oak Grove Note	[illegible]
Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	[illegible]
Portland Meeting House Note and Interest	[illegible]
Amount carried forward	$1870.00

[illegible] forward $[illegible]
[illegible] Finance Committee [illegible]
$[illegible]

Owen Dame, Chairman
Deborah P. Atherton, Secretary

Our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of the sum called for, $[illegible], to our Treasurer, on or before the first of Fifth Month next.

53. Our Treasurer is hereby authorized to forward twenty-five copies of our Book of Discipline to St Albans Monthly Meeting.

54. The Committee on Correspondence have presented essays of epistles to London Yearly Meeting, to Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting and an epistle addressed to all the American Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, which are approved.

They have also prepared letters to the young people, to the children, and to the sick and afflicted. The Clerks are directed to sign and forward them as proposed. Copies of the latter three are to be bound and sent out with the printed Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

55. The Nominating Committee presented names for vacancies on the Committee of Arrangements, which are approved.

56. Nominations presented by the Women's Meeting for a Committee on Purity have been approved. (See Women's Minutes.)

57. The subject of a revision of our Discipline having claimed our thought, our Quarterly Meetings are requested to appoint two Friends from each of their Meetings to serve on a Committee of this Meeting, should it decide to appoint one next year, for the purpose named.

58. The Committee for that purpose propose for Trustees of the Endowment Funds, belonging to Oak Grove School, Charles M. Bailey, John J. Frye, C. Irvin Bu[illegible]. The nominations are approved, and they are appointed [illegible]

59. [illegible] on returning minutes presented

the following for David Tatum, "David Tatum acceptably attended this Meeting" and recommend that similar ones be furnished to George Wood, William L. Wilson, Mary J. Heaver, Robert H. Douglas, [illegible] Matilda H. Atkinson, Richard Haworth, Susie [illegible] Fitkin and Abram L. Fitkin. The minute is approved by this Meeting, and the Clerks are directed to furnish each with a copy of the same as signed in our behalf.

63. The Women's Meeting request that a separate session for women Friends be provided for in Fourth day of Yearly Meeting week which is approved.

64. It is concluded that the Yearly Meeting be held alternately at Newport and Portland, until a change seems necessary.

65. We cheerfully and most thankfully acknowledge that during the sessions of this Yearly Meeting the presence from Lord and Master has been sensibly felt and that in all our deliberations there has been a precious feeling of brotherly love and harmony. We now adjourn, to meet in joint session at Portland, Maine, at the established time in next year, if the Lord permit.

Signed in and on behalf of the meeting

John Ellwood Paige } Clerks
Alice W. Masfield }

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[illegible]	Fall River, Mass.
[illegible]	Amesbury, Mass.
[illegible]	New Bedford, Mass.
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[illegible]	[illegible]
Hannah [illegible]	Winthrop Center, Me.
[illegible]dia A. [illegible]	East Parsonsfield, Me.
[illegible] Jones	Winthrop, Me.
Emeline R. [illegible]	Dover, N.H.
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Newport, R.I.
[illegible]	East Parsonsfield, Me.
[illegible]	Windham Center, Me.
[illegible]	[illegible]

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[illegible]	Fall River, Mass.
[illegible]	17 Chatham St., Lynn Mass.
[illegible]	Sandwich, Mass.
[illegible]	Portland, Me.
[illegible]	Harrisville, R.I.
Henry H. Goddard	[illegible]
Timothy B. Hussey	[illegible]
J. Warren Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
[illegible]	East Parsonsfield, Me.
[illegible]	Worcester, Mass.
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	New Bedford, Mass.
[illegible]	215 State St., Boston, Mass.
[illegible]	South China, Me.
[illegible]	South Dartmouth, Mass.
[illegible]	Lynn, Mass.

[illegible] Three Years.

[illegible]stina Jones	Providence, R.I.

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[illegible]	[illegible]
Charles H. Thorndike	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

Providence Boarding School Committee

For One Year

[illegible]	[illegible]
William O. Newhall	Alice W. [illegible]
Daniel C. Marfield	[illegible]
Charles A. Chace	[illegible]
Olney T. Meader	[illegible]
Charles Sisson	[illegible]

For Two Years

[illegible]	[illegible]
Joshua L. Macomber	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Charles [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

For Three Years.

John Shober Kimber	[illegible]
Samuel R. Buffington	[illegible]
James H. Chace	[illegible]
Peter M. Neal	[illegible]
Samuel Buffum	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

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[illegible] — George A. Barton, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

[illegible] — Anna F. Hall, Windham Center, Me.

[illegible] — [illegible]

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For Two Years

[illegible] W. Cartland Sarah Marble

[illegible]

For Two Years

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Chairman — [illegible], 3 Somerset St., Boston [illegible]

Treasurer — Thomas Wood, 215 State Street, Boston, Mass.

[illegible] — [illegible]

For One Year.

Nathaniel W. Gifford	New Bedford, Mass
Ellen Bangs	Dover, N. H.
Mary C. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass
Samuel R. Buffinton	Fall River, Mass
James M. Estes	Vassalboro, Me.
George H. Farr	Lewiston, Me.

For Two Years

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[illegible] A. [illegible]	[illegible]
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[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Winthrop Center, Me.
[illegible]	East Parsonsfield, Me.
[illegible]	Lynn, Mass.

Committee for the Suppression of the [illegible] Traffic.

President — Joseph H. Atwater, Saylesville, R. I.
Secretary — Mary C. Baylies, New Bedford, Mass.
Superintendent of Literature — Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Superintendent of Lectures — Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Center, Me.
Assistant Superintendent of Lectures — Adeline F. Chase

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[illegible]

Executive Committee

Joseph H. Atwater	Mary C. Baylies
Mary A. Chase	Hannah J. Bailey

For one year.

[illegible]	New Bedford, Mass.
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
Josiah B. Holder	Lewiston, Me.
Lucy A. Snow	Windham Center, Me.
George H. Cates	East Vassalboro, Me.
[illegible]	[illegible]

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[illegible]	[illegible]
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.
Clara W. Bowery	Winthrop Center, Me.
Leslie O. Meader	[illegible]
Mary L. Cobb	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Lizzie T. Hoag	North Sandwich, N. H.

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Joseph H. Atwater	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

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[illegible] — [illegible] N. Y.
[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] — Fall River, [illegible]
[illegible] — New Bedford, [illegible]

Committee on [illegible] and Bailey [illegible]
For [illegible]

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For [illegible]

[illegible]	[illegible]
George H. Cates	Anna M. Priest
William H. Douglas	Eliza B. Douglas
Herbert O. Jepson	Clara H. Mumford
[illegible] Bailey	Lettie M. Bailey

Rufus [illegible]

For [illegible]

[illegible] Bailey	[illegible] Bailey
[illegible]	[illegible] Bailey
[illegible] Bailey	[illegible]
[illegible] E. Briggs	Emma [illegible] Briggs
[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

Committee on Foreign Missions.

[illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible], New Bedford, [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] Thompson, [illegible]
[illegible]

For One Year.

William Thompson	Susan T. Thompson
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Leighton	[illegible]

William T. [illegible]

For Two Years.

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For Three Years.

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[illegible]	Myra E. Frye
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]

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William O. Newhall	Myra E. Frye
[illegible]	[illegible]

For [illegible]

Edward T. Tucker	[illegible]
Sarah J. Swift	[illegible]
Lizzie M. Hawkes	[illegible]
Ellen K. Buffum	[illegible]
Myra E. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Asa C. Tuttle	[illegible]
Anna M. Gove	[illegible]

For Two Years.

Samuel Buffum	North Bernick, Me.
Emma S. Briggs	Newthrop Center, Me.
Mary D. Collins	[illegible]
Susan H. Meader	[illegible]
Almira B. Buffum	North Bernick, Me.
John S. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.

For Three Years.

William O. Newhall	Ly[illegible]
Mary E. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
John J. Frye	Woodfords, Me.

[illegible] Dover, N. H.
[illegible] J. Bailey, [illegible]
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For One Year.
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For Two Years.
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For Three Years.
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Treasurer - Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Maine.

For One Year.

Edward G. Wood — William P. Pinkham
Martha E. Osborne — Horace M. Hall
James M. Estes — Harriette D. Collins
[illegible]

For Two Years.

Emeline H. Tuttle — Salome E. Wheeler
Ezra Hawkes — Charles H. Thorndike
Silas H. Cartland — Linwood W. Jones
[illegible]

For Three Years.

William Thompson — Susan T. Thompson
Joseph E. Briggs — Eunice A. Greene
William V. Wary — Annie K. Knight
[illegible]

[illegible] Board.

For One Year.

Charles M. Bailey — Phebe S. Aydelott
Joseph E. Briggs — Benjamin F. Trueblood.

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203 High Street, Fall River, Mass.

Executive Committee.

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[illegible]

Sarah H. Taber, [illegible]

Quarterly meeting [illegible]

Rhode Island - [illegible]

Salem - [illegible]

[illegible]

Falmouth Lewis M. Douglas

[illegible]

Vassalboro Annie M. Priest

Fairfield Alfred W. Hawkes

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Alice M. Dow Bolton, Mass.

[illegible]

Alby P. Jenkins East Vassalboro, [illegible]

For Two Years

Clarence I. Pinkham Dover, N. H.

Elizabeth B. Lord North Berwick, [illegible]

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[illegible] — East [illegible]

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[illegible] — Providence, R. I.
[illegible] — Fall River, Mass.
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[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] — Lynn, Mass.
[illegible] — New Bedford, Mass.

Committee on Finance

[illegible] — [illegible] Lynn, Mass.
Secretary — [illegible]
Treasurer of the Young Nectars (ex officio) [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible]
Vassalboro — William A. Jones, Etta S. Cates
[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] — Joseph E. Briggs, Olive M. Tuttle
[illegible] — [illegible]

[illegible] Fund.

Chairman — Henry H. Goddard
Secretary — Deborah P. Atherton
Treasurer — J. Ellwood Paige.

For One Year.

Henry H. Goddard — Deborah P. Atherton
Mary L. Cobb.

For Two Years

[illegible] — J. Ellwood Paige
[illegible] Peckham.

For Three Years

[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] W. Jones, of Winthrop Center.

Trustees of [illegible] Fund.

Charles M. Bailey [illegible] [illegible]

Committee of Arrangement

For One Year.

Thomas Ford Lewis M. Douglas

Almira B. Buffum Myra E. Faye

For Two Years.

Samuel R. Buffum Robert P. Gifford

Susan Peckham Hannah J. Bailey

For Three Years.

John J. Faye Susan F. Hoxie

James M. Estes Henry F. Newell

Yearly Meeting Correspondents.

Joseph Cartland Newburyport, Mass.

Samuel Buffum North Berwick, Me.

Hannah J. Bailey Winthrop Center, Me.

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[illegible] 1896

[illegible] this time your epistles for 1895 and [illegible] welcomed these warm and loving [illegible]

[illegible] from this lower [illegible]

There is a vital union between the members and the [illegible] of the church of Christ which causes a misfortu[illegible]

[illegible] vine and its branches, or like the body with its guiding head, and we have desired that the Friends of old [illegible]

[illegible] has given evidence of the fact that our members [illegible] who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Master.

[illegible] years ago it seemed that nothing could be done to [illegible] and exert a far reaching influence upon the whole region of country. There is, in almost all the country districts [illegible] to organize them into meetings for permanent influence [illegible] these communities.

This essential business and function of the church is, in a deep sense, occupying our thought and we plainly see that we can conserve the truth and deepen our

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[illegible] might draw all men unto Himself.

Though the diplomatic relations [illegible] country and ours have been somewhat [illegible] during the past year, it is cause for sincere thanksgiving that this brief period of anxiety has been followed by the most [illegible] of peaceful sentiment [illegible] [illegible] the day when an established tribunal of justice shall [illegible] appeals to [illegible] of men. In the work of developing such healthy sentiment and of establishing such a tribunal [illegible]

We hold with you the view that [illegible] determination is by no means accomplished and we desire to go deeper down [illegible] fundamental truths of Christianity [illegible]

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[illegible] the [illegible] of the same, inclusive, [illegible].

To the most [illegible] of Friends [illegible].

[illegible] annual assembly, the [illegible] to transact our business with an unusual degree of harmony. We have been cheered by the epistles from you and from other yearly Meetings [illegible] at all the blessings which God is [illegible] to our beloved Society in various parts of the world. [illegible] the need of prayerful thought is great among us all that we may [illegible] will and that ability may be given us to do it.

The so-called "pastoral system" referred to in your epistle has been the subject of much prayerful [illegible]. We have ourselves long been conscious of the danger of depending upon [illegible] which underlies such methods [illegible] than those of action. We dare not, out of fear that man should depend on man, cease from all effort to persuade him to depend on God. Though [illegible] yearly meeting have never endorsed the "system" referred to, we find [illegible]

our old methods, and we believe that in leading us. We desire pure loyalty to Friends' principles, methods and testimonies; we desire also pure loyalty to Christ and the Holy Spirit, and desire to be willing instruments in the hands of the Master, and doing His work as faithfully as the early Friends did in theirs.

As we have reviewed the work of the year there has been much cause for encouragement. A new meeting house has been completed at Lawrence, Massachusetts, where within fifteen years a meeting was gathered in the midst of a population of mill operatives. This meeting began in a most interesting way. A Friend came to Lawrence from England to work in the mill. [illegible] to Friends' principles he invited a few of his fellow workmen to meet with him in his own house. Though a man of few words, the power of the Lord rested upon him and some [illegible] meetings of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] such. This is to us encouraging evidence that under new conditions the Lord still blesses the methods of our fathers when they are followed in faith.

We have also been deeply interested at this time in education. The reports of our boarding schools with their generous endowments have reminded us of the privileges thus presented to our youth and the responsibility laid upon us. Our attention has also been called to the remarkable intellectual changes which are going on about us. Many things which God could not say to previous ages, with reference to his works in nature, because they were not able to bear them, He is saying to us. Each new bit of knowledge thus given contains power which may be utilized for [illegible]. [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] the greatest [illegible] of faith may [illegible] have with knowledge. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]

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[illegible] Washington our capital city and one at [illegible] New York. Both were attended [illegible] members of our Society, but by stat[illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] ability and [illegible]. Such gatherings may not be hoped [illegible] the establishment of a permanent court of arbitration between Great Britain and Ireland and the United States. It is hoped that [illegible] be formed by treaties between the various European and American states, so that a united and peaceful Christendom may gradually bring the nations of Asia and Africa into the brotherhood of peace and the ethics of Christ may become the ethics of the nations. To this end in private and in public may we bend all our powers.

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Newport, R. I. by adjournments from the 12th of [illegible] month to the 17th of the same inclusive, 1896.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Ramallah.

Dear Friends:-

We have been cheered as we gathered together at this time by the reading of your epistle. It [illegible] our hearts glad to know that in the land where David was king, where Isaiah [illegible], and above all where our dear Lord lived and died [illegible]

[illegible] the simplicity of the Gospel as it was in the days of the Apostles.

We would [illegible] as you do the Villicus [illegible] and [illegible] only men of God washed. We cannot all do this, but we are all love Christ and follow in His footsteps, and so [illegible] in a brighter land than Palestine the mighty men of God, whom He made instrumental in [illegible] to us the [illegible] revelation.

You speak in your epistle of the delight of meeting the Saviour in heaven, where there shall be no more [illegible] pain. We too rejoice in that prospect; it greatly [illegible] life. We also regard it as a privilege to [illegible] and to suffer for Christ in this life. (Phil. I. 29) We hope you and we may be faithfully do and endure that men all about us may be brought to Christ. "There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." (Acts V-12)

We have felt much sympathy with you in the trials and difficulties which you have experienced during the past year. When you welcomed so lovingly our dear Friend Charles M. Jones you and we had little thought that he would so soon be taken to his heavenly home, and that instead of his kindly loving presence we should have his lonely grave among the Judean hills. We thank you for your loving remembrance of him, and may we all be more than ever in earnest to seek from the Lord that grace and ability for service which we need for our work here on earth, and, washed in the blood of the Lamb, be able to meet him hereafter in glory, to praise forever his Saviour and ours.

We send to you this year some Friends whom you know and love. We are thankful that the Lord has put it into their hearts to go to assist in His work at Ramallah. As He has sent them, so we trust you will receive them. We pray that their labors may be blessed among you, and that the Lord will help you in all things to hold up their hands.

faith cannot hinder you prosperity and hence in the Lord, we are your friends and brethren.

From New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Newport, R. I., from the 11th to the 17th of 6th mo. 1896.

To the next Yearly Meeting to be held in

Dear Friends:—

"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

The loving letters from our sister yearly meetings have been read with grateful appreciation, and we heartily exclaim:

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

Our yearly gathering is greatly blessed of the Lord. We feel that we are indeed "sitting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

A large number of the Lord's faithful servants are with us from other yearly meetings. Several of them are in the strength and freshness of young manhood and womanhood. No church needs to fear for her future welfare, when her young people are found by the side of their elders, each willing to yield gladly to the other, and all working harmoniously together for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The reports of our committees show that good work has been done in all lines of activity during the past year. Some of our home meetings have experienced an awakening which has in a few instances affected whole communities.

In two or three neighborhoods where, a few years ago, it seemed that nothing could be done to prevent a steady decline, flourishing meetings now exist, and exert a far reaching influence upon the whole region of country. This essential business and function of the church is in a deep sense occupying our thought, and we

plainly see that we can conserve the truth and deepen our apprehension of it only in proportion as we enter positively into the service of Jesus Christ for the redemption and completion of the lives of our brethren.

Our membership has increased more largely than we have often been able to report, and we feel that there is a noticeable deepening and strengthening of the spiritual life of a large number of our members. The comforting indwelling of the Holy Spirit has become a blessed reality to many hearts. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory."

We rejoice to hear of the excellent work done in other Yearly Meetings. We notice with gladness that there is an increasing interest everywhere in the "Divine enterprise of missions." It is well for our loved branch of the church, it is well for us individually as Christians, when our hearts are filled to over flowing with an increasing and an irresistible longing to "go tell it," or to help send.

Our hearts have been bowed with grief on account of the death of our beloved friend Chas. M. Jones, Superintendent of our mission work at Ramallah. But while the Lord in His infinite wisdom removes workers who to us seem almost or quite indispensable, His work still goes forward. By the gentle constrainings of His love our dear friends Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey, who have for many years been closely identified with our mission interests, have been made willing to lay aside all home ties, and offer themselves for a time for service in that distant land. We have accepted them as the called of the Lord, and He who has called will go with them and prosper them.

We have rejoiced greatly in consequence of the rapid strides made during the past year by the cause of peace and arbitration. God has graciously made the [illegible] of the past year the means of [illegible] the peace sentiment of Christendom, so that the cause of peace has passed on into the practical stage. The conferences recently held at

Washington and Lake Mohonk, attended not only by members of our Society, but by statesmen, judges, lawyers, educators, and preachers of the foremost rank, directed their efforts to the establishment of a permanent court of arbitration between England and the United States. This will we trust, be accomplished shortly. Other European countries are ready to join such a movement, so that we see in this the glimmerings of the dawn of a glad day of peace.

We praise the good Father that He is so richly blessing our section of His great family. We pray that He may continue His loving care, and teach us more and more how to be a blessing to others, that the world may be the better because we have lived, in that we have "Taught transgressors His ways, and sinners have been converted unto Him."

We are your Friends, in Christian love,

To the Sick and Afflicted.

Dear Friends:

We who have been privileged to come here to our annual gathering, and realize the overshadowing presence of our loving Lord, as we have met in His name, and the inspiration that comes from mingling with His children, remember you our dear friends who are laid aside from active service, and we long to send you words of cheer in the Master's name: "As one whom his mother comforteth," so may the Lord comfort you.

While we may not know your varied surroundings, we rejoice that our Father knows all about each one of you, and the least thing that affects your lives has a place in His heart of love. He who wept with the mourning sisters, and whose tender hand was laid in blessing on all who came to Him, remains "the same yesterday, to-day and forever." Our dear Lord called His chosen disciples apart to rest awhile, and He has sweet lessons to teach you, alone with Himself. Lean hard on Him, trust Him in love whose will is always best. You may not understand

His dealings now, but when your eyes shall see the King in His beauty, you will praise Him who led you by a right way.

We have been deeply interested in the efforts for our missing fellows, and now our dear friends Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey leave their home to care for our loved mission at Ramallah; we ask for them your prayers that their labors of love may be richly blessed.

We have the company of many of the Lord's dear messengers from other Yearly Meetings, whose earnest words have stirred our hearts with the desire to be wholly the Lord's, faithful to Him. We have been reminded that we are not all called to the same service; if we cannot go and tell of Jesus' love, we have the sweet privilege of praying for those who do go; many precious souls have been brought into the Saviour's fold through the prayers of His hidden ones.

We tenderly commend you to Him who is able and has promised to "forgive all our iniquities, and heal all our diseases." (Psa 103-3)

Our Dear Young Friends:-

As our Yearly Meeting has gathered together this year for its annual transaction of business and for common helpfulness in things eternal, we are conscious of the small number of our younger members among us.

While we heartily wish you might all be directly partakers of the rich blessings God is giving us here, yet we know that this is impossible and that God can bless you quite as truly as we desire him in your own allotted places. We want to tell you that you are daily in our thoughts, prayers and interests, and as you have prayed for us, God has and will bless us together.

Among the encouraging features of the work which has been finished during the sessions is the extension

of the church and the deepening of the true life among its members.

There is rejoicing in Heaven over more than three hundred who, it is believed, have been born into the Kingdom this year through the efficient labor of the Father's messengers.

The spirit of missions is spreading among us, as we learn so directly the need of our brothers and sisters in other lands who are groping in darkness and ignorance for the light of the world, as we hear them pleading to be shown the way, our hearts are touched and we gladly rejoice to give ourselves, our prayers, and our money to carry the glad tidings of good news.

Wider and wider are being disseminated the seeds of temperance and the principles of right home living, not only within our own families but outside as well the youth are being more carefully trained for future citizenship, and are being taught that as children of the kingdom they are "high and well born" and that it derives upon them, each and every one, to make the world better for their having lived in it.

One of the most hopeful indications of life among us is found along educational lines where rapid progress is being made. The development of the intellectual and spiritual life go hand in hand, for both, by their reciprocal influence, work with the temporal and material forces in building up the all-round man.

We trust that our younger members realize that they are the church of the next fifty years, and that when their shoulders will some rest the burdens now borne by the fathers and mothers. We are not our own, we are bought with a price, and our work as children of the Highest is to represent Christ to those about us and to advance the Kingdom of righteousness and truth among men. Every word, act, and thought in our daily life is a stone in our character building. Let us see to it that we build well.

Our spiritual life is one of growth. In the Epistle to the Hebrews we are told that having ceased

laid the foundation principles of the doctrine of Christ, we are to advance until we come "to the unity of faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." But in order to grow "into Him in all things" we must have in us the same spirit which was in the Master, the same mind that was in Jesus, the spirit of love, obedience, humility, and trust, and we have the promise that our Father is more willing to give us this spirit than earthly parents are to give good gifts to their children.

In my work of the week has been "the battle is not yours but God's." Therefore "let" Him conquer the enemy in our temptations, "let" God have His way with us, "let" the Holy Spirit enlighten. Christ says "I am the way, the truth and the life," and if we delight ourselves in the Lord, he will give us the desire of our hearts — even Himself.

In two most important conditions under which spiritual growth is best realized are prayer and the study of the Holy Scriptures. That person is strongest and most helpful who spends much time in communion with the Master. This is as essential to the spiritual life as are bread and meat to the physical. Too little attention is given to Bible Study among us as Christians. The Bible is a whole library in itself, and yet we harmonize whole; and a half hour spent with it each morning in personal devotion will be productive of a happy, useful life made up of happy, useful days. By study is meant not a mere reading of so many verses or chapters, but a definite, systematic study like that of any text book. We are commanded to let the "word of Christ" dwell in us richly. Paul says to Timothy that the Scriptures are able to make him "wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" and that they are profitable for all things, "that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works", and by good works is meant

whatever God may give us to do, whether it is to teach the school, to study in school, to work in the factory or office, or to share in the responsibilities of the home and family. So, dear friends, let us "take time to be holy"; make time, if need be, to be alone with God, that we may learn of Him, that we may partake more and more of His nature and become like Him.

While we live upon this earth we are subject to and conditioned by the here and now. Let us, then, like Him whose ambassadors we are, be men among men, touching humanity only with the touch of Christ.

May we each one render "unto Him who loved us and gave Himself for us" the ready service of a loving and grateful heart.

Dear Children:-

We send you this little letter to tell you that we have been thinking lovingly of you. There is no class dearer to us.

We earnestly desire that you may be children of the Saviour who, when on earth, so tenderly welcomed the little ones, when they came to Him. His fatherly heart is full of love for you now and he rejoices when you come to him in prayer. Bring all your joys to him as well as your griefs and trials and thus show that you really love and trust him.

Having given your hearts to Him, ask him to help you to love him more and more. Each morning ask him to show you what you can do and think of it through the day, that you are trying to work for him. If you get good lessons at school, it pleases him. He notices when you cheerfully run on errands for mamma, or rock the cradle, or share your table with a child who has none. He sees every kind act. He also knows when you do wrong, and is very sorry.

We have been hearing about your Junior Endeavor

Societies and are glad to know that you enjoy them so much. We hope you will go on in this good work. If you have friends who do not belong to the Society, ask them to join. Be especially thoughtful of those who do not have Christian homes; tell them about Jesus and get them to love and serve Him too. It will make them so much happier and more useful.

We know a little girl who was trying to please Jesus, but her father and mother were not Christians. Now they have given their hearts to the Saviour. It may be in answer to their little girl's prayers.

We have been told of the little children in Syria who do not have pleasant homes as you do and their little girls are not loved so much as little boys, which seems so strange to us. These children like to come to the Mission Schools but there is not money enough to support them in all the places where schools are needed. We know many of you are saving your pennies for this and they will help so much.

We heard of a little girl who was given five cents, to get all she could from it. So she made a little bag and put on it, "Please put in pennies for the missionaries" and now she has over one dollar. We should like to know what use the others made of the five cents given them.

Though very young, powers have been given you to use and improve. Our kind Heavenly Father will teach you little lessons, every day, and as you try to please him, you will find more and more to do for him and it will bring you so much happiness.

Then, when your work here is done, and he takes you to his beautiful home above, you will see him whom you have loved and tried to serve, and be with him forever.

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1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in joint session at Portland, Maine, beginning on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 11th, 1897.

2. By the reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings, we are informed that their Representatives to this Meeting are as follows, viz:-

From Rhode Island - Charles W. Earle, Joseph H. Atwater
Esther Chace, Susan Peckham, Moses L. Buffington
Luella E. Jones, Exie Estes, Obadiah Chace
Robert P. Gifford Isaac B. Macomber, S. Narcissa Beale
Catharine Greene, Frank E. Jones, E. Anna Tucker
Charles A. Chace William H. Beale, James M. Estes
Augustine Jones Phebe S. Aydelotte Phebe R. Gifford
Gulielana Freeborn, Sarah J. Hanson Samil R. Buffington

From Salem - Peter M. Neal Eliza A. Jones
William O. Newhall Sarah A. Hill Sarah W. Swett
George A. Crosman, Stephen Swett Daniel C. Maxfield
Cyrus Jones Alice W. Maxfield
Benjamin F. Trueblood Mary E. Newhall, Chas. H. Jones
Charles H. Thorndike Jennie W. Crosman, Nathan P. Buxton
Lydia C. Neal Susan H. Meader Annie K. Knight
Elizabeth T. Larkin Lucy Ellen Collins, Mary S. Paige
Albert, N. Peaslee.

From Sandwich - William P. Macomber N. Hervey Wilbur
Joshua L. Macomber, Edward G. Dillingham, Eliza A. Gifford
Susan F. Hoxie Mary Hafford John O. Taylor
Arnold G. Tripp Philip A. Cornell, Anna G. Ward
Elizabeth C. Ewer Abbie H. Cornell, Wm P. Davis
David H. Potter Henry A. Slocum, Ruth S. Murray
Esther D. Macomber, Lydia Gifford.

From Falmouth - J. Hacker Hall, Nathan Douglas
Silas Goddard, Elizabeth M. Frye, Albert F. Minott
Eliza E. Farr, Ezra Hawkes Wm H. Douglas
Lydia M. Pope Geo. H. Farr. L. Maria Jones.
Lewis M. Douglas, John J. Frye, Alice W. Hawkes
Edward S. Hacker Luella S. Ayer
Lindley H. Cartland.

From Smithfield – William P. Pinkham.
Salome C. Wheeler, A. Ebner Phelps, Paul A. Randall
Isaac Steere, Emma C. Pinkham, Sarah J. Swift
Mary A. Batley, Frederick D. Taylor
Deborah P. Atherton, Samuel A. Arnold
Calvin R. Rockwood.

From Vassalboro – Alvana C. Goddard, Mary R. Jones
William A. Jones, Jedidiah J. Varney, Mary C. Jones
Alfred H. Jones, Flavilla S. Roberts, Elizabeth K. Jones
Etta S. Cates, Emily S. Weeks, Linwood W. Jones
Eliza P. Pierce, William H. Cates, Annie M. Nichols

From Dover – Samuel Buffum, Eli Meader
Flora S. Evans, George Irving Jenness, Almena Nutter
Albert C. Buffum, Emeline H. Tuttle.

From Fairfield – Jesse McPherson, Joseph E. Briggs
Clara G. Bowery, Horace M. Hall, Henry Winslow
Elizabeth M. Hawkes, Henrietta H. Johnston
J. Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey, Almeda Trueblood
Augustus F. Morse, Angeline McPherson, Geo. B. Wing
Osborne J. Hoffman, Levi Jones, Mary C. Hawkes
Alpheus Trueblood, Martha B. Osborne,
Mary A. Robinson, Mary W. Jones of Winthrop Center
Mabel M. Hoffman.

From Parsonsfield – Silas H. Cartland, Joseph S. Remick
Elizabeth S. Hoag, Emily M. Jones, John B. Cartland
James Cartland, Otis Meader, Elizabeth G. Meader
Julia A. Remick, Phebe L. Pope.

Whose names being called, one hundred and eight were present, and thirty eight were absent. Several of the absentees have reported that they were prevented from attendance by illness or other unavoidable circumstances

3. Ministers from other Yearly Meetings with credentials are in attendance, viz.–

Hannah H. Leggett, from New York Yearly Meeting
David E. Sampson, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting
Amos M. Kenworthy, from Indiana Yearly Meeting
Isom P. Newton, from Iowa Yearly Meeting
Ezra G. Pearson, from Iowa Yearly Meeting

Eli G. Parker from Iowa Yearly Meeting
James P. Price, from Oregon Yearly Meeting
J. Morris Lemmon, from Iowa Yearly Meeting.

There are also in attendance at this meeting with minutes, Mary H. Bedell an Elder, and Thomas H. Liggett, an Elder, and companion to his wife Hannah H. Liggett, both from New York Yearly Meeting; Emma Sampson, an Elder, companion to her husband, David E. Sampson; and Emma Lemmon, wife of J. Morris Lemmon.

4. The subject of furnishing our visiting Friends with returning Minutes is referred to the following Committee: William O. Newhall, Mary E. Kimber, Ruth S. Murray, Alfred H. Jones, Esther D. Macomber, Anna F. Hall, Eliza E. Farr, Horace M. Hall, William P. Pinkham.

5. We appoint Robert P. Gifford, Cyrus Jones, William P. Macomber, Lewis W. Douglas, Isaac Stone, William H. Eaton, Samuel Buffum, Levi Jones, and Silas H. Cartland, a Committee to audit and settle the accounts of the Treasurer to the present time, to propose a Friend for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, another for Treasurer of the Providence Boarding School Funds, and a third for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute at Vassalboro.

6. During the past year changes have occurred in our several Quarterly Meetings, as reported in their accounts, viz.—

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Eric Estes and Mary E. Kimber; with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in a similar acknowledgement of Elizabeth Ann Tucker, and with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Joanna Dick to the station of Elder; with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah J. Macomber and Parthenia Underwood to the station of Elder; with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment

of Valentine Meader to the station of Elder, and of six Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. The hour of holding the First day Morning Meeting at Portsmouth, R. I. has been changed from 10.30 to 10 A. M. Providence Monthly Meeting will be held for another year at 3.30 P. M. on the last Seventh-day in each month at Providence

Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Amesbury Monthly Meeting in the appointment of sixteen Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight; with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Samuel P. Hainesworth of Lawrence to the station of Elder, and with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of one Associate Member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Joseph H. Peele, a minister, has removed from Salem Monthly Meeting to his former home in North Carolina Yearly Meeting. The hour of holding Salem Monthly Meeting is established as follows; at 7.30 P. M. from Fifth to Tenth Months inclusive, and at 2.30 P. M. the remaining months, day and place as heretofore. The hour of holding Amesbury Monthly Meeting when it is held at Amesbury is changed from 10 to 10.15 A. M. Boston Monthly Meeting is held in Lawrence on Fifth-day following the first Sixth-day in the month in Second Fifth, Seventh and Tenth months. Boston Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is held at 6.30 P. M. on the day of Monthly Meeting wherever that may be held.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting reports that Sandwich Monthly Meeting has appointed James E. Gifford Correspondent, in place of Joseph Ewer, deceased address, West Falmouth, Mass. It has united with its Monthly Meetings in the appointment of forty-five members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting informs that Clara R. Cartland and Elizabeth R. Douglas, Members and Elders of Durham Monthly Meeting, have been released from Membership.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of George F. Varney to the station of Elder, and with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of six Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, also with Bolton Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Samuel Wheeler and Alfred Dow to the station of Elder, and three Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. The mid-week meeting at Bolton has been discontinued for the present.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with the appointment of twenty-one Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, and with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of J. Albert Jones and Ida C. Jones to the station of Elder. Vassalboro Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight is to be held continuously at East Vassalboro.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Julia E. Meader to the station of Elder, and with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Albert C. Buffum, Huldah S. Buffum, Samuel Buffum and Almira B. Buffum to the same station. It has also united in the appointment of ten Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Lindley M. Magoon, and with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William P. Winslow to the station of Elder, and

with the appointment of three Associate Members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. The time of holding the mid-week meeting at Winthrop has been changed from Fourth-day at 2 P.M. to Fifth-day at 7 P.M.

Farmington Quarterly Meeting has united with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth S. Hoag to the station of Elder.

7. Requests from Quarterly Meetings:

Dover Quarterly Meeting requests that the hour of holding the Quarterly Meeting at Dover in Fourth Month be changed from 10.30 to 11 o'clock, which is granted and the change is made.

The same Quarterly Meeting requests that the Yearly Meeting consider the propriety of a change in the apportionment among the Quarterly Meetings of the sum of money to be raised. The matter is referred to the Representatives to this Meeting.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting requests the Yearly Meeting to consider the matter of having our Quarterly Meetings represented in the Yearly Meeting on the basis of their membership.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting also asks that the Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting may be called Delegates, thus avoiding the confusion that arises from having a Representative Meeting and a Meeting of Representatives.

Both of these propositions are referred to the following Committee: Augustine Jones, Benj. F. Trueblood, S. Warren Hawkes, J. Hacker Hall, Harriette D. Collins, Hannah J. Bailey, D. Wheler Swift, Abram C. Goddard, Phebe S. Aydelott, Wm O. Newhall, Ruth S. Murray and Almira B. Buffum.

8. We are informed that all our Quarterly Meetings have paid or directed their Treasurer to pay their respective proportions of Yearly

Meeting Stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

9. The Representatives are requested to nominate two Friends for each of our Quarterly Meetings to constitute a Standing Committee on nominations to whom appointments shall be referred, care being taken to appoint such Friends as did not serve in a similar capacity last year, if practicable.

10. We appoint Charles W. Earle, Olney T. Meader, Hannah S. Wing, Geo. H. Parr, Paul A. Randall, Henry H. Giddard, Asa C. Tuttle, Clara S. Bowry and John B. Cartland to prepare a summary of answers to the queries and present to a future sitting.

11. Adjourned to meet at four o'clock this afternoon.

Statistical Report of the Yearly Meeting
From Third Month 1st, 1896 to Third Month 1st 1897.

	Statistics of Ministers Elders and Associates			Statistics of Membership												Statistics of Children						
	No. of Ministers	No of Elders	No. of Associate Members	No. of Members reported last year	Error in last year's report - Gain	Error in last year's report - Loss	Births	Deaths	Moved in	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present Number of Members	Number of Children between 4 & 12	Number of Children between 12 and 21	Number attending school	No. attending School taught or controlled by Friends	No between 12 and 21 attending School taught or controlled by Friends	No. attending College	No attending College controlled by Friends
Rhode Island	21	27	10	898	3	1	9	23	16	5	13	7	5		903	81	70	118	19	15	7	4
Salem	15	34	39	722	1	-	2	14	12	13	17	5			722	53	78	87	13	13	7	3
Sandwich	14	16	43	536	3		1	16	3	10	2	12		29	507	78	42	42	17	12		
Falmouth	21	36		609			9	8	9	7	30	26	7		616	67	58	77	13	6	2	1
Smithfield	9	25	13	294	1		2	2	10	7	5	2	6		350	18	17	26	3	3	4	
Vassalboro	16	44	4	469			1	6	6	14	7	7		13	456	36	45	39	16	11	1	
Dover	6	14	12	181			1	6	3	7	6	2		5	176	13	18	31	7	7		
Fairfield	12	35	20	648			4	7	2	10	42	7	28		676	43	57	67	10	10	4	1
Parsonsfield	5	6	5	144			1	3		2	1	1		4	140	17	14	13	6	4		
	119	257	146	4501	8	1	30	87	61	75	129	69	46	51	4496	406	395	500	104	81	27	9

Names of Ministers (Deceased)	Date of Death	Age in Years or in what Year of his Age.	Monthly Meetings which they belonged.
Charles C. Varney	Twelfth Month, 26th, 1896	54th year	Providence
Electa J. Collins	Tenth Month 18th, 1896	79th year	So. Kingston
John Newlin	First Month 1st, 1897	79th year	Falmouth.
Names of Elders (Deceased)			
Mary Clapp	Twelfth Month, 18th, 1896	100th year	Greenwich
Benjamin A. Chace	Tenth Month, 9th, 1896	77th year	Swansea
Joseph Anthony	Second Month 28th, 1897	80th year	Greenwich
Owen Dame	Tenth Month 28th 1896	64th year	Salem
Joseph Ewer	Eleventh Month 5th, 1896	74th year	Sandwich
Mary A. Smith	Ninth Month 1st, 1895	88th year	New Bedford
Azabah Cannon	First Month, 31st 1897	90th year	New Bedford
Phebe P. Jones	Seventh Month 24th 1896	77th year	Falmouth
Jane A. Varney	Eleventh Month 10th, 1896	76th year	Unity
Jane H. Jones	Eighth Month 14th, 1896	85th year	Unity
Joseph W. Hanson	Fourth Month 29th 1896	79th year	Dover
Lydia M. C. Tuttle	Ninth Month 17th 1896	65th year	Dover
Jonas Butterfield	Second Month 4th, 1897	81st year	Sidney

12. Afternoon. The Meeting again assembled.

13. William C. Newhall, on behalf of the Representatives, presented the names of John Elwood Price for Clerk and Daniel L. Marfield for Assistant Clerk; also of Alice W. Marfield for Clerk and Deborah C. Atwater for Assistant Clerk of the Women's Meeting. The nominations as presented were duly considered and fully united with, and the Friends named are appointed to the respective services for the ensuing year.

14. The Representatives presented the names of the following Friends to constitute a nominating committee. The nominations are approved, viz:-
Chas. W. Earle, Exie Estes, Chas. H. Innes,
Eliza A. Innes, Wm C. Macomber, Elizabeth C. Ewer
J. Hacker Hall, Alice W. Hawkes Isaac Steere
Mary A. Battey Alfred H. Innes Etta S. Yates
Samuel Buffum Emeline H. Tuttle, Drs. E. B. Riggs
Elizabeth M. Hawkes, John B. Cartland, Elizabeth S. Hragg

15. The Committee having charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute have presented their report, showing conclusively that the institution is maintaining its well established character as a school of high grade. The religious tone of the school as shown in the report, has been especially gratifying and encouraging. A proposition that the meeting assume the deficit, reported in the financial statement, viz: $279.86, has been considered and united with, and our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the above sum from the treasury of this meeting.

We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of our friend Chas. N. Bailey in the proposed gift of the sum of $700.00 to be used for the expenses of the school.

Report of the Committee having charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

The past year has been a very quiet and uneventful one in the history of Oak Grove. No event of especial interest has occurred either in the improvement of the school property or in connection with the management of the school. Apart from the religious work, the year's record has been simply that of a successful and well ordered school. In the boarding department the number of pupils has been larger than in previous years, but of day scholars there have been less, owing to a change in the arrangements of the public schools in town. It has been the effort of those in charge of the school to administer its discipline in love, and to give to the school the character of a happy Christian family. That the effort has been largely successful is evident to those of our committee who have been privileged to mingle with the pupils in the chapel, the school room, the dining room and upon the play ground, and note the spirit of contentment and happiness everywhere manifest. With a band of Christian teachers whose lives as well as their words have testified of the grace of God, the religious character of the school has been fully sustained, all the pupils in the boarding department except three having given their hearts to Christ.

The morning and evening meetings on First day, and also the mid-week meetings, have been regularly held in the new chapel, of which mention was made in our last report. This beautiful structure has become a veritable sanctuary to the members of the school family, and it is more and more appreciated by them and by the friends of the school. The chapel was tastefully decorated for commencement and filled by an attentive audience as listened to the graduating

exercises. A class of ten earnest young Christians received the diploma of the school, having completed its course of study in a manner creditable to themselves and their instructors.

We thankfully record that the health of the school has been excellent, no serious case of sickness having occurred during the year.

The financial situation of the school is less satisfactory than we could wish. Owing to unfortunate investments in the West, more than half of what is called our permanent fund has become an expense instead of a source of income, thus seriously crippling the resources of the school. But we look hopefully to the future, trusting that He who has raised up generous friends for Oak Grove is still mindful of his plant on the banks of the Kennebec and will water it in the time of its need.

The number of scholars for the year has been 108

Boarders 65

Day Students 43

Faculty and Officers.

Wilbur A. Estes, A.B. Principal	Languages.
Harriette D. Collins Preceptress	History and English
Sybil Stanley, B.S.	Mathematics & Science
Truman F. Barbour	Commercial Dept
Jennie E. Reynolds	Elocution
Effie Trueblood	Instrumental Music
Julia B. Estes	Primary Department

Hemenway Whitehouse, Steward

Myrtle B. Whitehouse, Matron.

Communications may be addressed to Wilbur A. Estes, A.B. Principal Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, Vassalboro, Maine.

For the Committee

Chas. M. Bailey, Chairman

S. Warren Hawkes, Secretary

Portland Sixth Month 11, 1897.

Treasurer's Report of Oak Grove Seminary
and Bailey Institute.

Receipts

By Balance from last year	$1,518.50	
Cash from board and Tuition	6,180.20	
Interest on Endowment Fund	633.02	
Cash from Samil R. Buffington, Treasurer	525.00	
Cash from State Treasurer	550.00	
Cash from Rebate on Insurance	18.75	
Cash from Elonora S. Hardman	6.50	$9,681.47

Expenditures.

To Salary Account	$1976.60	
Wages	942.52	
Repairs and Renewals	455.61	
Provisions	2081.78	
Scholarships	144.00	
Taxes	236.36	
Lights	99.34	
Fuel	682.66	
Incidentals	302.06	
Premium on Insurance	187.50	
Books Stationery and Printing	709.61	
Error in balance due from E. K. Goddard, it being $10.53 instead of $299.36 as stated in last year's Report	288.83	
Cash Paid C. J. Bailey Trustee	727.38	
Cash paid Freight charges & Express	59.08	
Error on account of note due Endowment Fund being placed with receipts in last year's Report	1000.00	$9,893.63
		$212.16
Bills payable		67.20
Balance due Treasurer		$279.36

Frank E. Briggs, Treasurer.

Sixth month 12th, 1891.

16. The committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence have presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory. In listening to the history

of this Institution from year to year, as written in the Report of the Committee, are more and more impressed with the generosity of the godly men whose faithful stewardship of the property entrusted to them has founded and endowed this School, bringing blessing to the many who have come and may yet come under its influence.

Report of Providence Boarding School Committee to the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee in charge of the Providence School present this, their seventy-eighth Annual Report. This year, like many before it, has been very remarkable for the excellent health of the Family. For this favor we are thankful to our Father in Heaven, "in whom we live and move and have our being." Great harmony has prevailed in the Family during the year, and the usual thorough and satisfactory instruction has maintained the high standard of educational efficiency in the Institution. The religious life in the School has been a very encouraging feature of ever-increasing weight and sweet necessity in the household. Every instructor in the house has both by precept and example, given the weight of his or her influence in the direction of earnest, positive, Christian living and activity. We cannot over-estimate the importance of these leading and guiding influences in giving the right direction to the young in their most impressive period, when the great choice of their lives is being made.

The recent improvements in light and ventilation have done very much indeed to increase the comfort of the Family, and to make the Home more attractive and fitted it more to its useful purpose. The girls now for the first time have their rooms properly heated lighted and ventilated. This, with its many other advantages, ought to secure to the School an increased patronage. The demand for information about the School, even in the present financial disturbances in the world,

has exceeded all former years, which indicates, we think, an increasing interest in it, and which must be of great service to it in the future.

A gymnasium, which should be complete, according to modern ideas, would greatly add to the equipment of the School, and in the opinion of the officers and students is very much needed.

The School is larger than last year, we are thankful to notice, but it needs the aid of its friends in keeping its merits and its greatly increased facilities for education before the public in these years of its diffusion and fierce competition.

We are deeply impressed with the thought, as the years come and go, that hardly any other engagement in the wide field of service of the Yearly Meeting exceeds this one in importance or is more entitled to its sympathy and most hearty support.

The number of scholars for the year has been:

Boarders	152
Day Students	11
Art Students	23
Total	186.

Officers of Government and Instruction.

Augustine Jones, A. M., LL. B., Principal	Political Science
Philip E. Stanley, A. M., Governor	English Studies
Evelyn Barrows, B. S., Preceptress	English Studies
Thomas J. Battey, A. M.	Natural Science
Mary E. Rawson	Vocal and Instrumental Music
Sophia L. Pitman	Drawing & Painting
Walter S. Meader, A. M.	Higher Mathematics
Horatio B. Knox, A. M.	Greek and Latin
Charles R. Jacob, A. B.	Modern Languages
Helen L. Thomas, A. B.	History and Literature
Charlotte A. Slocum	English Studies
Grace H. Thomas	Primary Department
Eliza J. Gardiner	Assistant in Drawing & Painting
Allen H. Weeks	Mechanical Arts
Joseph M. Horton, A. M.	English Studies & Calisthenics
Robert Bonner	Instrumental Music

Edith S. Hill	Calisthenics for Girls
Sidney R. Burleigh	Special in Water Colors
Gideon G. Congdon	Special in Mechanical Drawing
Jules Ruerat, L.P.	Conversation in French
Bertha F. Tucker	Tutor in German
Charles E. Cobb	Secretary and Book-keeper
Mabel Stokes.	Librarian

Lecturer

Thomas J. Battey A.M. Natural Science

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the School per term, for all who may be admitted be $150. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund, $7.5 Credit to a member of another Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75. The rates are payable at the commencement [illegible]. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek Latin, French, or German, of $10; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

William D. Newhall, Clerk.

Providence, Fifth Month 25th 1897.

Note.— The Autumn term begins Ninth Month 8th 1897 and the Spring term begins Second Month 2d, 1898. Application for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee Eighth Month 3d, 1897.

Those who desire the [illegible] of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated Eighth Month 3d, 1897.

Publications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Cree Providence R.I.

Statement of Providence School Accounts for the year ending Seventh Month 1st, 1896.

To the Yearly Meeting Committee:—

Resources.

General Fund Scholarships	$5,500.00	
Charitable " "	2,250.00	
J. T. Levy " "	2,045.00	
E. Fry " "	1,500.00	
E. Battell " "	150.00	
Day School Tuition	880.32	
Auxiliary Studies	2,209.37	
Students' Accounts	27,960.39	
Balance	2,327.86	$44,822.94

Expenditures.

Salary Account	$17,096.75	
Wages	10,648.64	
Provisions	8,223.84	
Repairs and Renewals	2,958.67	
Fuel and Light	2,479.68	
Water	648.72	
Advertising	1298.96	
Library	245.84	
Papers and Periodicals	83.04	
Incidentals	138.25	
Insurance	576.07	
Debts Considered Bad	476.04	$44,822.94

Robert P. Sifford
Charles Dixon } For the Auditors

Report of Real Estate Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Real Estate Committee have made sales of land as follows:

1896. Seventh Month 11th, received for 5,000 Square feet	$1,500.00
1896. Seventh Month 24th received for 13,400 Square Feet	5,820.00

1896. Eleventh Month 2d Received on
Account of Sale of 10,000 Square Feet,
Land not yet Delivered, but in Escrow $2,500.00
$9,820.00

Contra.

1896. Seventh Month 11th and 24th,
Paid Commissions $56.60
1896. Ninth Month 26th Paid for
Additional survey in Alumni Ave 209.56
1897. First Month 5th Paid Surveyor's
Bill 18.90 540.36
$8,974.64

Balance paid to Treasurer of Friend School Fund 8,974.64

For the Real Estate Committee.
J. H. Chace, Custodian
Robert P. Gifford, Clerk.

Providence, R. I. Fifth Month 24th 1897

17. The Committee on Education presented their report, showing some work done in the encouraging of our young people to make the best of all that has been given them. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of Committee on Education.

In addition to a public meeting at Newport, at Yearly Meeting time, arranged for by the Committee of 1895, which was addressed by President Isaac Sharpless of Haverford, Rufus M. Jones and several others, an enthusiastic and helpful meeting was held at Lawrence, Eighth Month 2d, 1896, addressed by Alice B. Paige, J. Ellwood Paige and George A. Barton. Several of the Lawrence Friends responded, expressing their satisfaction with the encouragement and information given. That good resolutions were stimulated is proven by an application of one person to form some money to help to get a better education.

The conference Eighth Month 15th at Saylesville R. I. was so planned as to interest the children in the morning and hold a friendly conference

with parents in the afternoon, with general public addresses in the evening. The morning program was carried out by Alice B. Paige and Emma Pinkham. Thomas Batty gave a talk on kerosene oil and Samuel Austin told them about the Whale fisheries of Nantucket. Alice B. Paige read a paper in the afternoon on "The Advantages of Education to Women." Augusta Batty read an excellent paper to the mothers, while Emma Pinkham spoke as a mother in an earnest, tender way. Susan Pickham and some others added a helpful thought. In the evening Thomas Batty read a valuable short paper on "Self Made Men." Prof. Seth K. Sifford had the principal evening address, making a complete appeal for Education. The audience was larger than in the day time.

The attentive, intelligent company of young people made one wish to speak helpful words in an impressive, emphatic way. More persons would probably have attended the meetings if intelligent prior to house visitation and invitation had preceded. Quiet, personal interest in individual cases would reveal pathetic, earnest longing, and relief and advice would tide over a hard spot in early life and avert imminent danger of failure. There is good foundation for Christian character in unselfishness and innate desire to be useful, which a good education would develop, and association with men and women of culture and trained intellect would uplift into an atmosphere where ambitions would be perfected in service to humanity and for God.

We wish to suggest that an appropriation of $200 be granted your Committee for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee

Anna F. Hall Secretary

Committee on Education.

Treasurer's Report

Balance from last year	$30.89	
Received from Twelve Monthly Meetings	40.96	$70.85

Payments

Expenses of Meetings at Lawrence & Sayleville $ 10.86

Balance on hand $ 65.99

J. E. Paige, Treasurer

Lynn, Mass. Sixth Month 8th, 1897.

18. The Clerks are hereby directed to procure the printing of 2000 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting, together with a directory revised to date.

19. Adjourned to meet in joint session tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

20. Seventh day morning 12th. Met pursuant to adjournment.

21. Epistles from Dublin and New York Yearly Meetings have been read.

22. The reports of the Committee on Gospel Work and the Church Extension Board have been presented and jointly considered. We feel that the work of these Committees has been greatly blessed during the past year. We wish to urge upon the minds of our membership the duty, as well as the blessed privilege, of providing the necessary means for carrying on the work of these Committees. When the question of safe and profitable investments presents itself to us, let us ask ourselves "How much owest thou to my Lord?" and see to it that the debt is discharged, in so far as a ready and spontaneous willingness may do it.

Report of the Committee on Gospel Work.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In reviewing the events of the year now past, the Committee humbly acknowledge the goodness of our Divine Leader. We gratefully recall how signally his blessing has rested upon the work. While we mourn over the many failures and lost opportunities, we are comforted in the knowledge that loyalty to Christ and the Church has characterized every effort. In presenting the report we can only touch upon the work done.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. Frank E. Jones, Superintendent. All the meetings comprising the Quarterly Meeting have been visited. Seven series of meetings held, consisting of one hundred meetings. Admitted to membership, nineteen. Conversions and renewals, thirty-five reported. One thousand visits made.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. Jaime O. Wheeler Superintendent. Two series of meetings, comprising twenty-two meetings. Seventy family visits held. Eighteen conversions and renewals. While this Quarterly Meeting has not increased in its membership, there is encouraging evidence of a growth in grace.

Salem Quarterly Meeting. Charles H. Brindley, Superintendent. Many meetings held, number not reported. One particular meeting reports Sabbath afternoon meetings held for four months, attended by ministers from out of town. The report adds that the interest and attendance exceeds anything known at any previous meetings.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. Susan T. Thompson, Superintendent. The last year has proved one of real profit to several meetings of the Quarterly Meeting. Series of meetings held at Sandwich, Smith's Neck, New Bedford, Mattapoisett and Long Plain. Number of meetings comprising them forty three. Family visits, one hundred and twenty-seven. Members received, three.

Dartmouth Quarterly Meeting. Silas H. Gard, Superintendent. All meetings have been visited, mostly without continued service. Seventy family visits have been made. Forty-five extra meetings. One conversions and renewals. Meetings reported in a healthy condition, considerable larger and increased in interest.

Dartmouth Quarterly Meeting. Lemuel H. Jones Superintendent. Four meetings visited. Three series of meetings held, one of forty-five meetings, one thirty-one and one eighty two. Total, one hundred and fifty-eight meetings. All meetings were held at East Dartmouth.

South China and Weeks Mills. Family visits one hundred. Professed conversions and renewals, fifty-three. Members received eleven.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting. Geo. H. Farr, Superintendent. Number of meetings visited two, Windham and Durham. One series of meetings consisting of forty meetings. Professed conversions, eight, renewals thirty.

Dover Quarterly Meeting. Emeline H. Tuttle, Superintendent. No report given in figures, but we learn from some of the members of that Quarterly Meeting that the meetings are in a better state than they have been for years. They are encouraged by the interest that their young people take in their own Church. They believe there is an open door for Christian workers.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting. Horace M. Hall, Superintendent. The past year has been a prosperous one. Gospel tent meetings held early in the year were crowned with success in building up the Church spiritually and in numbers. Our small and weak meetings greatly blessed. One meeting received a score of members. Ten series of meetings held, consisting of three hundred and eight meetings. Family visits one thousand four hundred and sixty-three. Conversions and renewals, two hundred and thirty five. Members received sixty eight.

Words or figures are inadequate to place before the Yearly Meeting the faithful service rendered by some members of this Committee in the capacity of pastors in their several meetings. Eternity alone can reveal the results of their arduous labors.

One very encouraging feature of the work this year is the increased zeal and almost unremitting toil of our resident ministers and other workers in their home and monthly meetings.

The Committee recommend that the work be continued under the care of a similar committee. We ask that two thousand dollars

is placed at their disposal for carrying on this important work.

Summary of Work.

Series of Meetings	29
Number of Meetings held	611
Number of Meetings visited	20
Family visits	2,835
Conversions and Renewals	879
Received into Membership	113

For the Committee,

Harriette D. Collins, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Gospel Work.

Receipts

By Balance from last year	$229.96
By Cash from J. E. Paige Treasurer Salem Monthly Meeting	86.65
By Cash from E. A. Chase Treasurer Swansea Monthly Meeting	70.00
By Cash from J. Augustus Davis Treasurer Amesbury Monthly Meeting	8.00
By Cash from William Hoag, Treasurer Boston Monthly Meeting	68.80
By Cash from H. H. Aldrich Treasurer Smithfield Monthly Meeting	16.65
By Cash from H. E. Babcock Treasurer Bolton Monthly Meeting	6.00
By Cash from James A. Gifford Treasurer Westport Monthly Meeting	20.00
By Cash from S. P. Gifford Treasurer Providence Monthly Meeting	5.00
By Cash from Eva M. Babcock Treasurer Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	56.00
By Cash from L. H. Osborne Treasurer Nearc Monthly Meeting	26.00
By Cash from Philip A. Cornell, Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	11.70
By Cash from Elizabeth W. Eno Treasurer Danbury Monthly Meeting	3.00

By Cash from E. A. Bailey Treasurer Winthrop Monthly Meeting	5.00	
By Cash from Ezra Hawkes Treasurer Falmouth Monthly Meeting	10.00	
By Cash from Wm A. Jones Treasurer China Monthly Meeting	2.00	
By Cash from J. S. Anthony Treasurer Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	4.20	
By Cash from E. J. Collins	25.00	
By Cash from A. F. Morse	1.00	
By Cash returned by Salome C. Wheeler	40.00	$719.16

Expenditures

Amount paid out	588.15
Balance in treasury	$131.01
Money expended in Gospel Work which did not come into the hands of the Treasurer	768.50
	588.15
Total amount expended	$1356.65

Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer.

Sixth Month 12th, 1897.

Report of Church Extension Board.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Events of the past year indicate that the Church Extension Board is occupying a constantly increasing sphere of usefulness in the work of the Yearly Meeting. Indeed its effectiveness may be said to be limited only by the amount of funds placed at its disposal.

Immediately after its appointment a year ago the Board met for organization by the appointment of the usual officers, including an Executive Committee. During the year there have been three meetings of the full Board, and the Executive Committee has had frequent meetings as occasion required. Early in the year a brief circular letter was prepared, of which nearly four hundred copies were sent out soliciting individual contributions to our work. Over date of First Month 11th, 1897, a second letter was sent out, setting forth

our needs and soliciting a special collection from every meeting in the Yearly Meeting. In response to this the sum of $172.33 was received by our Treasurer from twenty meetings. During the year the Treasurer has received from all sources the sum of $701.80, of which the total amount has been expended in ways mentioned below, including incidental expenses for printing, postage, etc.

The condition and claims of the work at Meaderboro, N.H., have received consideration during the year, and while no money has been expended as during the previous year towards current expenses at this place, a pledge has been made to render assistance in remodeling their meeting house, which the Friends at Meaderboro expect to accomplish this summer. For this purpose the Board has set aside from its funds the sum of $180.38, to be used as soon as circumstances warrant.

Correspondence has also been had during the year with the Friends at Hallowell, Me. This meeting is in need of assistance, but local conditions have appeared to be such that we could not meet their needs with our present resources.

The meeting at Sidney, Me. has been under consideration through the year, and the sum of $115. has been contributed towards the support of the work there.

An appeal for assistance was received from the meeting at Windham, Me., and the sum of $50 has been contributed there.

The sum of $25 has also been sent to the Friends of the Coventry Meeting at Anthony, R.I. to assist them in their gospel work.

An appeal has been received on behalf of the meeting at St. Albans, Me. It appears that this meeting is in a flourishing condition, with a number of accessions to membership during the year, and steps have been taken towards building a new meeting-house. While the

Board was forced to conclude that with our limited resources no way appeared to render assistance this year except to the amount of $7.12 specially contributed for that work, it is hoped that during the coming year we may be able to do something in that direction.

In conclusion we need only say that if the Board could have a larger amount of funds at its disposal annually many meetings could receive needed help and much good be accomplished. That the field of work for the Board is important no one will question, and we hope the day may come when the resources for extending its usefulness will be ample to meet the demands made upon it.

On behalf of Committee,
Benjamin F. Trueblood Chairman
George L. Crosman, Secretary

Treasurer's Report Church Extension Board

Dr.

Individual donations	$229.00
Contributions from twenty meetings in N.E.	172.30
Total	401.30

Cr.

Meeting at Sidney, Me.	$115.00
Meeting at Windham, Me.	50.00
Meeting at Coventry, R. I.	25.00
St. Albans Meeting house	17.12
Travelling expenses of Executive Committee	8.00
Printing	4.50
Postage on Circulars	1.30
Balance appropriated for Rochester Meeting house	180.38
Total	401.30

Thomas Wood, Treasurer.

Boston, Sixth Month 10th, 1897.

23. The answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a

minute of that Meeting, have been read and are as follows, viz:

Summary Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

1. With little exception we are careful in attending our Meetings for worship and discipline and to promote the attendance of our families.

2. We are in a good measure united one with another and to the Meetings to which we belong, endeavoring to labor together in gathering to Christ.

3. We believe most of our members are frequently engaged in searching the Holy Scriptures with an earnest desire to arrive at a right understanding of their contents; careful not to misquote or misapply them.

Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight on the State of Society:

While the Queries with their answers were under consideration the Meeting was introduced into a very deep and profitable spiritual exercise, and much pertinent and helpful counsel was given.

The necessity of faithfulness in the attendance of our business meetings as well as our meetings for worship on First-days and in the middle of the week was pressed upon us. The business of the Church is the Lord's business, and must at all times be made first in our interest and attention. It needs the spiritually minded membership to conduct it in a manner which will be to the glory of the Lord and will tend to the strengthening and enlargement of the Church. If the members of this body manifest a lack of interest in the business of the Church, the effect of their example and influence will be painfully felt by the body at large, and the Church, under such circumstances cannot flourish as she should

When everything is consecrated to the Lord it will not be difficult to make first things first. We need, however, to remember that the profession of consecration will avail nothing without the obedience. We believe we are able to judge very accurately by our lives and conversation where our treasure is; for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Our duty to those who may be converted through our instrumentality was also dwelt upon. As a church organization we are not only called to the work of turning men to Christ, but we should provide them a church home where they may be instructed, edified, fed, and used in their turn to help others.

A church that fails thus to provide for children must eventually dwindle and die. Let us then say to the hungry multitudes without a church home: "Come with us and we will do you good."

Intense energy and intense activity should ever characterize us as a body. It is of the utmost importance that we should work together in harmony. Our consecration should be so perfect that the methods our Lord is pleased to bless in the prosecution of His work would cause no anxiety.

The seeking of personal comfort and ease can never be the business of the Christian. In the midst of so much sin and consequent suffering we are called to live lives of self-denying service as Christ's representatives. Wherever we find humanity, however low or degraded, we find a soul for whom Christ died and whom we are to strive to reclaim. Not only the ministers but every individual member of the Church has a part and lot in the matter. It takes the whole Church to preach the whole Gospel.

Our children ought to be so instructed and so influenced that they will be our Society and be

was so if work should be provided for them in the Church and connected with its interests. In this way they will become more closely identified with us; and as one after another fathers and mothers pass away, their places will be filled by children well qualified to receive the inheritance and to occupy it to the glory of God.

Charles H. Jones, Clerk.

24. Adjourned to meet at three o'clock this afternoon.

25. Afternoon. Met at the time appointed.

26. Epistles from Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada, Kansas, Wilmington and Dublin Yearly Meetings were read, also an epistle from the Monthly Meeting in Ramallah. We have also received a circular epistle from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting which has been read receipt of which the Clerk is directed to acknowledge.

27. The Committee on Foreign Missions presented their report which is interesting and encouraging. The work at the Eli and Sybil Jones Mission at Ramallah is evidently receiving judicious care under the management of our dear friends Timothy B. and Anna W. Hussey, and we have great satisfaction in the present condition of the Mission and great faith in its future. We gratefully acknowledge the protecting care of our Heavenly Father, who has thus far allowed no harm to come to the Mission or those engaged in it. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Foreign Missions would thankfully record a year of much prosperity, as will appear from the report of our friends Timothy B. and Anna W. Hussey, who have been so faithfully caring

for the work at Ramallah, until more permanent arrangements could be made.

In response to the appeal of the Committee in the American Friend and Missionary Advocate two young Friends presented themselves for the positions of Superintendent and Matron. Wilfred Comstock and his wife Delia D. Comstock, formerly members of Kansas Yearly Meeting, but now belonging to New England Yearly Meeting as members of New Bedford Monthly Meeting. They furnished good credentials from their meeting and also from the business firm by whom Wilfred Comstock had been employed. The Committee took time for earnest and prayerful consideration of this important subject. The credentials and letters from Friends in Kansas were carefully examined and after waiting upon the Lord, were unanimous in the opinion that His hand was in the proposal, and the Friends were accepted.

The Committee felt it was very desirable that these young people should be at the Mission for some time under the wise and careful direction of Timothy and Anna Hussey. They have therefore sailed for Palestine and we look some days for their safe arrival.

For a detailed account of the work at Ramallah we refer to the report of our Friends now laboring there.

To the Committee on Foreign Missions of New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:-

A year of blessing, health, and prosperity has attended our missionary work since last year's report, for all of which we are most devoutly thankful.

In reporting the secular work, we will briefly say that on our arrival here last year our first duties were to put the Mission buildings and grounds in excellent order.

The house was cleansed and white washed, all the wood work, inside and out, thoroughly

repaired and painted, the old chairs in the parlor removed to the front hall painted and replaced by new ones; fifty fruit and ornamental trees planted and those on the grounds well trimmed, flat stone walks laid where needed, the old well buckets replaced by a new modern pump, loose stones gathered up, thus giving the premises an air of neatness and thrift.

A much needed building for laundry and other purposes 24 x 26 feet with an ell 12 x 16 feet, has been erected on the northerly end of our Mission grounds, and an American wind motor nearly completed for pumping water over the premises.

New stone and mortar walls have been built in the most needy places, to protect our property. Land for a large vegetable garden was thoroughly prepared, and the Mission is already reaping the fruits in an abundant supply of healthful vegetables.

Having recently been instructed by our Executive Board to proceed as the Government may allow towards the erection of the long-contemplated addition to our Mission buildings, we have immediately contracted with a reliable man to furnish 11,000 building stones, of quality size and finish of those in our present house, together with all the stones for doors and windows, cut hammered, finished and delivered in four months ready for the masons.

The officers and helpers in the employ of the Mission are;

Katie Gabriel, Head Teacher in the Training Home
Jennie Kishmeh, and Anesia Malouf, Assistants
Hannah Nusr, Teacher in Hope School, Ramallah
Affeefie Faragella, Assistant in Hope School
Malakie Istfan, Teacher in Northern School, Ramallah
Nazah Rodeslie, Teacher in Western School, Ramallah
Karma Gibran, Teacher in Jiffneh School.
Rackoot Kirdahie, Teacher in Ohhra School.
Helanie Totah, Teacher in Ain Areek School.

Philip Malouf, M.D., Missions Physician
Elias Audi Medical Dispenser
Martha Nasr and Emilie Audi, Bible Readers
Nicola, Man Servant, Ibn Salum, Cook.

We have had in the Training Home the present year, in constant attendance, twenty-two pupils. One of our former pupils whose parents had removed North, found a good school in her vicinity and did not return to us. Another who was very ill last Spring returned to the School at the opening in the autumn, but was soon found not strong enough to continue and left, taking her sister with her, thus leaving three vacancies. These vacancies were immediately filled and two others admitted, making five new scholars, all very bright promising young girls.

The health of both officers and pupils during the year has been excellent, and good advancement has been made, we believe, in every department of the Training Home work.

Under the care of our efficient teachers, the pupils, as heretofore, enjoy the benefits of a thorough course of study in the elementary branches, both in Arabic and English, and careful instruction in the Bible is daily given to all. Much care is taken to teach them to sew, to mend, and to darn very neatly and to knit their own stockings. They are also taught ornamental needlework, crocheting, etc, and receive regular and systematic training in the various departments of household work.

The Peace Meeting, conducted for several years entirely by the pupils themselves, is still continued with unabated interest and all who are privileged to attend it as visitors are impressed with the ease and good order with which it is carried on, and the helpful and interesting character of its exercises.

A Christian Endeavor Society, numbering twenty-two active members, has recently been organized in the Training Home. Its membership embraces all the older pupils, together with our entire band of teachers in the Home and Day Schools of Ramallah. The interest and spiritual life manifest in the meetings of the Society give us much assurance that this organization will prove a means of strength and encouragement to its members in their lives of active service for the Master.

Medical Department.

There has been much less sickness the past year in Ramallah than usual, especially among children, and it is attributable in large measure to a little more cleanliness.

Our Mission workers have been indefatigable in their labors to bring about this desirable change, and while there is great need for more labor in this direction, we are glad to note even this little improvement.

In the early part of the year we had a few patients admitted to the Hospital, since which time we have had no prolonged illness.

We have had in the one hundred two clinic days fifteen hundred and twenty-seven patients. Of these, twelve hundred and thirty-four were afflicted with eye diseases.

One hundred and eighty surgical operations have been performed, most of them successful.

Eight hundred and seventy two patients have been visited in their homes, and twenty-seven hundred prescriptions have been filled.

Of the six day schools now under the charge of the Mission, three are in the village of Ramallah, one each in the villages of Jifna, Ophra and Ain Arik. Thus about two hundred little girls are brought under the instruction of Christian teachers. We have in these schools

one of our graduates or young women who have been trained in this Institution, and our experience is that those thus taught make our best teachers.

We would thankfully acknowledge the receipt from Ellen H. Longstreth, Treasurer, from the Haverford branch of the W. F. M. A. of Philadelphia, the following amounts, viz:

Tenth Month 1st, 1896	$25.00	for the purchase of books.
Twelfth Month 2nd, 1896.	50.00	for medical work.
Fifth Month 6th, 1897	74.00	for medical work and
	5.00	for the education of a
Total	$154.00	child in a day school.

These amounts were sent directly to the Mission without passing through the hands of the Treasurer.

Our work among the women of Ramallah, through Mothers' Meetings and home visiting, is going on with increasing interest and blessing. And the willingness on the part of native women to receive our Bible Readers has awakened us to the great importance of placing an additional worker in this field, the need and opportunity for such service being far greater than our one Bible woman heretofore thus engaged can possibly supply.

In view of these facts, it is with deep gratitude and heartfelt praise, that we have received from the editor of the "Friends Watchman" the generous donation, contributed by himself and patrons, of the sum of $325.00, with the desire expressed that it be expended in the support of Bible Readers.

This Fund has not only opened us the door for service, but has in a very remarkable way supplied the means for His workers to enter these open doors bearing the tidings of salvation to hundreds of ignorant, sad-hearted women in Palestine.

With means thus supplied, we have been able to secure another Bible Reader, who for some months has been laboring earnestly in the homes of Ramallah

and from her report we have selected the following extracts. She writes:

"While it is heart-breaking at times to witness the degradation, superstition and ignorance of the people, especially of the women, it is interesting to be among them and learn about their ways and manners, which seem to have been handed down to them from the days of Noah.

"With great delight they listen attentively to the Scriptures when read to them and they have great confidence in those who present the Gospel to them.

"A woman once wanted to tell me her troubles, saying: 'You are not an enemy to reproach me.' Although this woman cannot read a word and knows nothing of the Bible, yet, we find almost her exact expression in the 55th Psalm.

"Another, when shown it was wrong for her to hate her neighbor and refuse to speak to her as she had long been doing, Christ's gentle being especially sought before her, said at once she would forgive her enemy, and then went and kissed her.

"A few days ago in one of our Mothers Meetings, a woman asked if Christ sees all our doings and knows of the sins we commit; and when taught that he sees and knows everything, she replied: 'I did not think God noticed such things.'

A short time ago a dear girl in one of our Day Schools sickened and died. She was a Christian and tried to live up to the truth she had been taught in school. One of our Bible Readers visited her often. She writes:

"I interpreted to this dear girl the beautiful prayer which Mrs. H. offered at her bedside the day she died, which she understood and which was a great comfort to her and to those around her dying bed.

"The next day the mother said to me she believed her daughter was with Jesus; and when told if she would love our Savior and do His will she would some day meet her loved one again, she expressed

great earnestness at times and seemed very serious and thoughtful."

Many other touching incidents are continually coming to us in this line of our Christian work.

Our First-day Meetings and Bible School are well attended.

The devout and earnest attention invariably given throughout the exercises of our meetings for worship, since a sense of God's presence and power and a true desire on the part of these needy people to worship Him according to the light they have received.

Prayer, praise and thanksgiving are often voiced among the native members, and simple testimony given of God's goodness to them.

With love, respectfully submitted.

T. B and A. M. Hussey

Ramallah, Fifth Month 10th, 1897.

Treasurer's Report.

Amount of Subscriptions Received for Foreign Mission Work for the year ending Sixth Mo. 1st 1897.

Firm Guilielma M. S. Jones	$5.00
G. H. & R. L. Gifford	10.00
Isaac Steere and wife	3.00
Guilielma Freeborn	1.00
Elizabeth Bentz, Columbus, Ohio.	5.00
J. Walter Malone	5.00
Female Missionary Society, by Mrs. Chas. C. Wilbur Treasurer, for Support of Ain Arik School	150.00
Pupils at Friends' School by Augustine Jones	$2.25
Huldah Gifford	16.00
Collection at Meadsboro, by Wm. S. Ware	5.00
Ellen Collins New York	20.00
Legacy from J. J. Henry Estate, by Samuel R. Griffinton Treasurer of Yearly Meeting	700.50
Maria T. Willis	11.10

Susan M. Seabury	25.00
Clara D. Willits Moorstown N.J.	10.00
E. L. Haworth, California by Rufus M. Jones	3.50
W.F.M. Society of Free Baptist Church Saco, Me. by Clara C. Binford	5.00
C. C. Binford	5.00
W.F.M.S. of California Yearly Meeting for "North School" by Eva S. Reese Treasurer	75.00
Westport Mission Band by Mary E. Taylor	28.24
Martha C. Swan and Sisters, for Hope School	50.00
Martha C. Swan, Mite Box	5.00
Isadora Fresham, Des Moines Iowa	10.00
New York and Brooklyn Christian Endeavor Societies, by Chas. W. Lawrence, for Western School	150.00
Friends' Sewing Circle Maple Grove, Me. by S. S. Harlow, Secretary	5.00
Friends in Estacado, Texas, by C. Holmes	5.00
Samuel Miles, Monkton, Vt.	5.00
W.F.M.S. of Purchase Quarterly Meeting for Ophra School, by Amy L. Griffin Treasurer	100.00
Phebe S. Sherman by Ruth S. Murray	5.00
Elizabeth Bailey by S. T. Thompson	1.00
A.P.S.E.E., by Nellie M. Hussey Miss Superintendent	20.10
Friends Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Poughkeepsie, by Caroline M. Ferris Superintendent	100.00
Teachers and Pupils of Oak Grove School during 1895-96, by Mrs. W. A. Estes	70.00
Baltimore Foreign Mission Com. for Jiffneh School, by Katharine M. Brevett, Treasurer.	140.00
Also in appreciation of Photographs of School	20.00
Jennie Allyn for "Hope School"	50.00
Elizabeth C. Fisher, Boston	65.00
Friends Junior C. E. Society, Boston, by Anna S. Wood, Missionary Superintendent	5.00
Interest from Permanent Fund in Bank	80.80
Interest on Deposits in Quinsegamond National Bank	11.41
Interest on Building Fund	87.50
By Susan H. Meader, Treasurer of W.F.M.S., Support of 20 Girls at Training Home	1300.00

From W. F. M. S. Indiana Yearly Meeting for Medical Department		$50.00
Manchester Juvenile Band		5.00
Elizabeth M. Hawkes		5.00
Eunice A. Greene		5.00
Portland Auxiliary		5.00
The Kings Children Winthrop Center		25.00
By Mary M. Post:-		
For Lucy Carpenter	$10.00	
For Helen M. Aldrich	5.00	
For Caroline Smith	5.00	
For East Side Mission, N. Y.	36.00	56.00

From Monthly Meetings.

Winthrop Monthly Meeting, E. A. Bailey, Treas.	33.92
Salem Monthly Meeting, J. Ellwood Paige, Treas	76.75
New Bedford Monthly Meeting, A. W. Holmes. Treas.	77.60
Amesbury Monthly Meeting, J. A. Davis Treas.	6.25
Swansea Monthly Meeting, C. A. Chace, Treas	44.00
Smithfield Monthly Meeting, W. H. Aldrich, Treas.	25.40
Boston Monthly Meeting, Wm Hoag, Treas.	75.42
Westport Monthly Meeting J. A. Gifford, Treas.	10.00
Dover Monthly Meeting, G. S. Jenness. Treas.	10.00
Sandwich Monthly Meeting, E. C. Ewer, Treas.	34.00
Uxbridge Monthly Meeting, E. M. Babcock, Treas.	120.00
Providence Monthly Meeting R. P. Gifford, Treas	104.50
Greenwich Monthly Meeting C. W. Earle, Treas.	22.55
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, J. S. Anthony, Treas.	10.00
Weare Monthly Meeting, L. H. Osborne, Treas.	15.00
Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, P. A. Cornell, Treas.	1.60
Falmouth Monthly Meeting, Ezra Hawkes, Treas.	12.75
China Monthly Meeting, W. A. Imes, Treas.	2.15
Bolton Monthly Meeting, H. E. Babcock, Treas.	11.35

From Bible Schools.

Edgebrook Bible School, R. E. Allison, Treas. Yardville, N. J.	5.00
Meaderboro Bible School G. S. Jenness, Treas.	5.00
New Bedford Bible School, S. M. Seabury's Class	5.00
Lynn Bible School, A. M. Dame, Treas.	5.00
Woonsocket Bible School, E. T. Reed, Treas.	65.00
Allen's Neck Bible School, L. L. Akin. Treas.	9.50

Northbridge Bible School, by S. C. Wheeler	7.00
Gonice Bible School, D. F. Jenness, Treas.	16.25
Fall River Bible School, Primary & Intermediate Classes, by Lillian Baldwin	1.07
Bolton Bible School, Alfred Dow, Treas.	8.55
Smith's Neck Bible School, P. A. L. Smith, Treas.	5.00
Worcester Bible School by S. J. Swift Treas.	15.00
Windham Bible School by A. H. Ayer Treas.	5.00
Acushnet Bible School by A. D. Wilbur Treas.	5.00

Expended

6th Mo. 26.	Paid Eastman Bros. & Bancroft, Cloth for Mission	$0.45
" " 24	Loring, Short & Harmon, Books for Mission	1.62
" " 24	Morse & Whyte, Wire	1.00
" " 24	Express	1.00
" " 27	Balance of Travelling Expenses of T. B. Hussey & for General Expenses of Mission	153.46
8th Mo. 26	Sent to Ramallah By T. B. Hussey, for Improvements in Walls & Buildings, by direction of the Committee	2000.00
9th Mo. 25	Paid H. H. Leighton in full Settlement	531.73
8th Mo. 15	Paid Geo. C. Herbert & Co. 1000 Reports	17.00
9	H. J. Bailey & Co. White Cotton for Mission	5.37
9th Mo. 24	Ellen M. Jones balance due her	328.83
11th Mo. 2.	London Draft for Mission, £150 sterling	724.50
12th Mo. 8	Freight Bill and Insurance on Wind Mill	34.30
12th Mo. 8.	Publishing Association of Friends, Quarterlies, etc for the Mission	7.30
12th Mo 23	London Draft for Mission £100 sterling	486.50
1st Mo. 19	U. S. Wind Engine & Pump Co, Batavia, Ill.	69.51
2d Mo. 10	London Draft for Mission £100 sterling	486.00
3d Mo. 31	Wilfred Rowntree for Travelling Expenses	343.95
4th Mo. 15.	London Draft £150 sterling	730.87
5th Mo. 11	Hannah J. Bailey, Missionaries Expenses from Winthrop, Me to New York	22.60
5th Mo. 13	London Draft for Mission £150 sterling	730.72
5th Mo. 13	For Postage Stamps	3.50
4th Mo. 20	S. H. Meader Treasurer W. F. M. S.	21.76

Receipts, Sixth Mo. 2d, 1897

Total Amount received from all subscriptions		$3,651.77
From A. L. Hunley Legacy		700.00
From Strafford Bank Building Fund		2000.00
Borrowed from Strafford Bank, Building Fund	$531.73	
Borrowed Interest on Building Fund	87.50	619.23
		6,971.00

Expended.

Total Amount Expended		$6715.00
Balance in Quinsigamond National Bank Worcester		256.00
		6971.00

Total Amount of Permanent and Building Fund, Sixth Month 2d, 1897.

In New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank Permanent Fund		$2000.00
One Note on Interest, 5 per cent, Building Fund		4000.00
One Note on Interest 5 per cent Building Fund		1500.00
In Mechanics' Savings Bank, Worcester, Transferred from Strafford Bank		402.92
		7902.92
Accrued Interest from Strafford Bank (Received Fourth Month 16th)		13.17
		7916.09

Sarah J. Swift, Treasurer.

28. The Report of the Committee on Western Indians has been read. The work among the red men, always dear to our people, is going on, and we rejoice at the chances among this unfortunate race to receive the truth. The request for an appropriation is referred to the finance committee.

Report of Committee on Western Indians.

The Annual Meeting of the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs was held at Germantown,

Pa., the 12th and 13th of Fifth Month, 1897.

One delegate from New England was present. Edward M. Wistar, Chairman of the Committee, recently visited all the Mission Stations under the care of Friends, and brought back to us much encouraging and valuable information. Our work is confined mostly within the limits of Quapaw agency, in the north eastern part of Indian Territory and in the Sac and Fox Agency in Oklahoma Territory. The first missionary work under the care of the Associated Executive Committee was in Quapaw Agency and in the Ottawa Nation, where many sons and daughters were gathered to Christ. As a result of this faithful and earnest beginning, many of the Indians have a fair education, cultivate their farms and live much as do white people around them. We are so often reminded that the hope of the Indian lies not in education alone, nor in civilization alone, but in Christianity united with these great forces. Gen. O. O. Howard, a man of great experience among Indians said: "I have visited every State and Territory except one and also Alaska, and I can say that the American Indian does not accept the civilization about which we talk until he is converted."

Smith Nichols, an Indian living within the limits of Seneca Mission, has completed the meeting house, which he has so long desired to do. This house stands on his own land. The native lumber was gotten out and hauled to the mill by himself, where it was sawed into boards and shingles. Most of the building was done by his own hands. Previous to the erection of the Meeting-house, meetings were held in his house, but now there is an apparent increase in attendance, almost wholly of Indians. They have given to the Meeting house the name of Mount Zion. Smith Nichols has lately been recorded a minister.

The work in Oklahoma Territory is among the wilder Indians, where we find them still rude in thought, with marked intellectual power. The open book of Nature the Indians know well; they can tell the habits of bird or beast, tree and plant but the life of civilization comes hard to them. They

know not the value of time or money. It is hard for them to measure their days or provide for the future. The Indian's arm has not been trained to work as other races on our own continent. Therefore it is incumbent on us to teach him the true religion of the One of God, and then all he needs to know will easily follow.

Geo. and Ella Hartley reside in this part of the field, and have the care of the Meeting and Bible School at Shawnee Town, also superintend all the work under the care of Friends.

A few years ago our work among the Iowa Indians was nearly broken up, through the efforts of the Government Allotting Agent, who instead of allowing the heads of families to hold their improvements, sent them twenty miles away from the Mission, and let the white settlers locate on their farms. At this time the Iowas were living on land set aside by executive order in 1883, in exchange for land in southern Nebraska. They had about 250 acres in cultivation, lived mostly in tents - blanket Indians - though several families had good log houses and wells of good water, and wore citizens' clothing, thus imitating as well as they could the good example of the missionaries and Mission Home. Quite a number of these Indians professed conversion, were members of Friends Meeting and were very desirous for Friends to send some missionary to them. Efforts have been made from time to time to accomplish this. At the beginning of the year five acres of land were purchased, and a Mission Building erected. A large room in one end of the building is used for meeting and school purposes. The Indians appreciate these efforts, and are quite regular in their attendance of Meeting and Bible School, contributing from their small pittance for lamp oil, and other needful things for the school to the amount of several dollars.

The following is a description of a visit given by Ella Hartley: "After listening for a day and a half to the constant pit-a-pat of the moccasin feet, we came into

a broad open prairie, and when a mile or more away from the place of our destination, I caught sight of what looked to be, for this country, a good-sized hotel building. It is situated on a beautiful rise of ground which in the distance increases the apparent size of the building, and makes it present rather an imposing appearance. This was the Mission House and the place of worship for the Iowa Indians. Dotted on the prairie from one half mile to three miles from it, were smaller buildings, which were pointed out to me as the homes of a number of Indians whose names had for months been familiar. We feel that the new building is a great step in advance, as it gives the control of the Meetings for worship more into the hands of the missionaries than when held in Indian houses. The objectionable feature heretofore has been the admixture of some of their peculiar ceremonies, that to me seem very superstitious, and which some of the more conservative are loth to abandon.

I must not forget to mention the very interesting called Meeting we had with these Indians the second evening of our visit. There were about forty present, and near the close of the Meeting opportunity was given them to express their feelings. The first to kneeling was the brother of the chief, and to describe him as he impressed me, I should call him the Henry Ward Beecher of the tribe. He was dark but comely, with broad, full face, and hair brushed back, hanging broadly from his shoulders. He looked like an orator as he stood erect and dignified, and with graceful gestures impressed his hearers, who frequently responded to his utterances. At the close of his talk, he lifted his right hand above his head and finished with a prayer. Two or three others followed him, one very grave looking old man that several times stopped and wept. We visited several families, were pleased with the appearance of thrift and enterprise of some of them, with cattle and chickens about and hay and corn stored away for the winter."

A new Monthly Meeting has been established, known as Ottawa Monthly Meeting, comprising Ottawa, Peoria, and Miami.

Twenty six Meetings are under the continued care of the different missionaries. Eleven other places are visited where Meetings are held occasionally.

Fifteen series of meetings have been held during the year. These have been attended one hundred and eleven conversions with thirty accessions to membership. Thirteen Bible Schools, eight of which have been held throughout the year. Five Day Schools taught with good success.

Truly the fields are white unto harvest and fruit already to be gathered. Let us ask ourselves the question: What is our part in this? We are allowed to stay at home while others are called to go out among them. Are we giving to this subject our earnest prayers and holding up the hands of those many men, who have tried so long to let the light of Christ shine out to the heathen? Think of it! Heathenism has no power to help, and no inspiration for hope.

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $7,000. We recommend that $525 be appropriated for the use of the Executive Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

Myra E. Frye, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Western Indians.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$79.12
Received from Monthly Meetings as follows:	
Amesbury	3.75
Berwick	2.00
Belton	1.50
Breton	42.50
China	1.25
Dartmouth	5.15
Dover	5.00
Falmouth	23.75
Greenwich	7.70
Providence	15.00
Rhode Island	10.00

Salem	39.37		
Sandwich, Mass	21.75		
Smithfield	18.45		
Swansea	31.50		
Uxbridge	75.00		
Weare	2.00		
Westport	20.00		
Winthrop	8.38		
		$413.17	
Received from Worcester Bible School		10.00	
Received from Y.P.S.C.E of the Yearly Meeting		20.00	
Donation of John J. Frye		20.00	
Total		$463.17	$463.17

Payments.

Paid by instalments for support of W.P. Haworth	315.00	
Appropriated toward the Yearly Meeting Assessment for Associated Executive Committee	75.00	
Paid Expense of delegate to Germantown	20.00	410.00
Balance on hand		$53.17

Samuel Buffum, Treasurer.

29. The Nominating Committee presented names of Friends for vacancies occurring on the Providence School and Oak Grove School Committees, also names of a Committee on Correspondence, all of which are approved.

30. Adjourned to Second-day morning the 14th, at 10 o'clock.

31. Second day morning Met at the hour appointed.

32. Our dear Friend Matilda W. Atkinson, from Iowa Yearly Meeting, appeared at this session, with a minute of unity from her home meeting.

33. The Committee to whom were referred the requests from Fairfield presented their report. The recommendation in both cases are approved and adopted.

Report of Committee on Propositions from Fairfield.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propositions from Fairfield Quarterly Meeting report.

Proposition 1st. "We ask the Yearly Meeting to consider the subject of having our Quarterly Meetings represented in the Yearly Meeting on the basis of their membership."

The Committee are united in recommending the following: That each Quarterly Meeting appoint five representatives, and one additional representative for every two hundred members or major fraction thereof.

Proposition 2d. "We also ask that the Friends who are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting may be called delegates, thus avoiding the confusion that arises from having a Representative Meeting and a Meeting of Representatives."

We propose that instead of changing the name of the Representatives the name of the Representative Meeting be changed to Executive Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee.

William C. Newhall, Clerk.

Portland, Sixth Month 12th, 1897.

34. The report of the Bible School Committee has been read and considered. We have renewedly felt the importance of this work in its various departments as a prominent factor in church activities, and we desire the encouragement of the Committee.

Report of Bible School Committee.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Of the fifty-six Schools belonging to this Yearly Meeting, an annual report has been received from forty-four schools. One School or class reporting last year has been dropped. The membership as far as reported is 3,138. The collections of these Schools amount to $2035.06

Home Department.- We would still call the attention of our workers to this branch of work, believing that every School is blessed that engages in the work. A number of Schools have the Home Department, yet we have not received reports of its membership except in a few cases. For the present it would seem

desirable to report the membership separate from that of the regular attending members. Circulars explaining this subject have been sent to a number of Schools, which we hope will not only interest the members, but desire it to be the means of strengthening and enlarging the spiritual life.

Primary Department. — Forty-five Schools report a membership of 647, against 443 in fifty-seven Schools last year. According to these figures we have an increase of 204 members among the children. No branch of our work requires such great wisdom and effort, nor is there any branch of work where the fruits are so abundantly seen. May fresh faith, courage and life come to all workers in the Children's Department in the years to come.

Conferences. — No report of Quarterly Meeting Conferences has reached your Superintendent. Rhode Island has at least had one, and it seems safe to say one has been held in Salem and one in Tassalboro Quarterly Meetings. It has been impossible for your Superintendent to arrange, or to assist in arranging, a general Conference, as was suggested in the report of last year.

Visitation. — The best way for a Superintendent to render assistance to a School is to visit it. In no other way can one become acquainted with the methods and needs. This your Superintendent attempted but can only report failure, only two Schools having been visited. The Superintendent of Falmouth Quarter has visited three Schools in that Quarterly Meeting.

Record Books. — New Record Books have been purchased since last report. The attention of Superintendents and secretaries is called to the questions in this book on the Home Department which we hope will be answered by many Schools the coming year.

Library Books. — A number of smaller Schools have been helped in purchasing books for their libraries. A few more Schools are still in need of books. Not being able to hold a General Conference, it was decided to use our finances in helping those Schools that would be the most benefited.

In closing the report of Bible Schools for 1896 & 1897

we can hardly realize what has been accomplished. We would congratulate the faithful ones and bid all our workers a hearty God speed.

For the Committee,

Mary L. Chace, Superintendent.

Statistical Report.

Key to Lesson Helps. A. Friends' Publication. B. Peloubets. C. David Cook's Publications D. Mrs. Kennedy. E. Sunday School Journal F. Mrs. Kennedy G. Blakslee H. Berean

Quarterly Meeting	Location of School	Local Superintendent's Name & Address	Monthly Meeting	Membership of School	Average Attendance	No. of Friends	No. of Classes	Are Teachers' Meetings held?	Volumes in Library	Books Added through Year	Months of School	Lesson Helps Used	Kinds of Papers Used	Temperance Lessons	Peace Lessons	Is Children's Day Observed	Membership of Home Department	Amount of Collection
Rhode Island	Portsmouth	Frederick Holman Portsmouth, R.I.	Rhode Island	39	19	30	5	No	----	---	9	----	2	3	---	No	..	$7.00
	Newport	Albert Cornell 18 Meeting St. Newport	Rhode Island	76	34	22	6	No	214	1	12	B	2	4	1	Yes	---	58.68
	Saylesville	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	H. C.	---	---	---	---	---	----
	Providence	Robert P. Gifford, Providence, R.I.	Rhode Island	B. Cliss	---	---	---	----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----
	Somerset	Ralph Earle, Dighton, Mass.	Swansea	109	58	74	9	No	309	127	12	A. B.	1	2	No	Yes	12	58.09
	Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner, 48 Durfee St. Fall River	Swansea	123	53 17/26	54	10	No	332	23	12	B. E.	1	4	No	No	Yes	120.20
	East Greenwich	Lydia E. Drinkwater, East Greenwich	----	20	12	13	2	----	100	---	---	----	---	---	---	---		6.00
		Total		367														
Salem	Amesbury	D. C. Marfield, R.R. Ave, Amesbury	Amesbury	65	32 19/26	51	6	No	250	1	12	A. B. F. G	4	3	No	No		$40.59
	Boston	Thomas Ward, Dorchester	Boston	89	46	46	8	Yes	300	---	12	----	3	4	No	Yes		112.47
	East Lynn	Chas. E. Bishop, 40 Ireson Ave, Lynn.	Salem	185	107	32	18	Yes	292	4	12	B. G.	2	No	No	Yes		90.00
	Henniker	N. P. Burton, Henniker, N.H.	Weare	24	14	11	2	No	150	60	---	----	2	4	No	No		18.09
	Lawrence	Stephen Swett, Haverhill, Mass.	Boston	100	88	---	---	Yes	----	---	---	----	---	No	No	No.		130.00
	Lowell	No. School	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	---	---	----	---	---	---	---		----
	Lynn	Geo. C. Herbert, Lynn, Mass	Salem	124	68	52	13	Yes	877	2	---	B.	2	4	---	Yes		85.69
	No. Weare	Alfred Osborne, No. Weare, N.H.	Weare	33	13	26	4	No	518	2	---	B.	1	4	No	No		12.94
	Salem	Geo. H. Jones, 85 Highland Ave, Salem.	Salem	25	19	25	3	No	----	---	---	A.	2	4	4	No		25.18
	So. Pittsfield	Albert N. Peaslee So. Pittsfield, N.H.	Amesbury	42	26	14	4	No	162	1	---	B.	2	4	No	No		22.89
	Epping	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	---	---	----	---	---	---	---		----
	Clinton Grove	Annie S. Breed, Clinton Grove, N.H.	Weare	12	9	3	2	No.	212	---	---	C.	---	3	No.	No.		4.54
		Total	----	699														

Statistical Report - continued

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Sandwich	Allen's Neck																	
	Smith's Neck	Elbridge L. Faunce, South Dartmouth	Dartmouth	47	27¾	19	6	No	----		10½	C.	2	No	No	No	---	$21.70
	Central Village	John A. Macomber, Central Village	Westport	44	24½	34	5	No	----		12	----	1	No	No	No	---	43.67
	Wayside Mission	Mary E. Gifford, Central Village, Mass	Westport	43	20				100		9	----	---	---	---	No	7	11.60
	Long Plain	Richard Davis, Long Plain, Mass.	New Bedford	36	16	17	3	No	418		12	A	3	No	No	No		15.00
	Acushnet																	
	New Bedford	Nathaniel W. Gifford, New Bedford, Mass.	New Bedford	156			12	No	500	7	10	B	3	4	No	No		20.00
	Mattapoiset																	
		Total		326														
Falmouth	Casco	S. Alfred Hall, Casco, Maine	Windham	19	9½	7	2	No	76	2	12	A, B	---	4	No	No	---	---
	Deering	Wm J. Hacker, Westbrook, Me.	Falmouth	24	15¼	20	3	----	200	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	East Durham	Mahlon D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.	Durham	36	28	9	5	No	175		12	B	---	No	No	No	---	11.38
	Lewiston	E. W. Packard, Lewiston, Me	Lewiston	63	47¾	13	9	No	265	30	12	A	---	4	No	Yes	---	66.21
	Portland	[illegible] M. Bailey, 190 Middle Street Portland	Falmouth	125	79¼	77	8	No	320	15	12	A. D.	3	4	No	No		155.98
	So. Durham	Geo. H. Cox, South Durham, Me.	Durham	66	45½	40	7	Weekly	218		12	A	2	4	No	Yes	---	41.29
	Windham	Frank W. Varney, North Windham	Windham	67	39	8	5	No	----		12	A. B.	3	---	No	No	---	16.47
		Total		400														
Smithfield	Bolton	Alfred Dow, Bolton, Mass.	Bolton	64	36	39	6	No	319	3	12	A	4	No	No	No	---	26.43
	Worcester	D. Marshall Babcock, 25 Lancaster St.	Uxbridge	48	34½		4	No	368	15	12	A	4	No	No	No	---	68.31
	Northbridge	Salome C. Wheeler, Uxbridge, Mass.	Uxbridge	26	13	4	3	No	253	103	9	A	4	No	No	No	---	14.59
	Woonsocket	James S Read, Woonsocket, R.I.	Smithfield	181	79	46	10	No	500	100	12	A	4		---	---	20	127.63
		Total		319														

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Vassalboro	Lake View, China																	
	E. Vassalboro	Eliza F. Butterfield, E. Vassalboro	Vassalboro	64	28	42	4	Weekly		18	12	B	4	No	No	No		
	South China	H. W. Austin, South China	China	63	40		4	No.	275		12	C.	1	No	No	Yes		17.31
	Unity																	
	W. China																	
		Total		127														
Dover	Dover	Clarence I. Pinkham, 36 Grove St, Dover	Dover	28	16	23	2	No	251	1	12	A. F.	1		No	No		38.18
	Gonic																	
	No. Berwick																	
	Meaderboro	Otis Meader, Rochester, N. H.	Dover	40	15	20	2	No			3	C	2	No	No	No		
				68														
Fairfield	Augusta	James Plummer, Winthrop St., Augusta	Winthrop	39	28	9	4	No	80	50	12	B	2	No	No	Yes		15.49
	Hallowell	George F. Morse, Hallowell, Maine	Winthrop	34	15	13	3	No			12	A	2	No	No	No		10.00
	Manchester	A. W. Hawkes, Manchester, Me	Winthrop	45	32	26	4	No	125		12	A	4	No	No	No		28.26
	No. Fairfield	Geo. B. Wing No. Fairfield, Me.	Sidney	29	12	16	4	No	150		12	B						7.62
	Center Sidney	W. A. Hoxie, West Sidney	Sidney	48	20	11	4	Weekly	340		12	A	1	4	2	Yes		12.93
	St. Albans																	
	Winthrop Ctr.	C. Irving Bailey, Winthrop Center	Winthrop	170	85	15	11	No	389	150	12	B		4	No	No		207.92
	W. Gardiner	John Pinkham W. Gardiner	Winthrop	38	20	17	4	No				H						10.14
				160														
Parsonsfield	E. Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland, E. Parsonsfield	Parsonsfield	58	42		4	No	285	3	12	A	4	No	No	No		14.00
	No. Sandwich																	
		Total		58														

$1788.47

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Bible Schools

Receipts

1896 9th Mo. 1	Balance from former treasurer	$135.38
9th Mo. 19	From Salem Monthly Meeting	1.25
12th Mo. 9	Bolton Monthly Meeting	1.00
12th Mo. 21	Arbridge Monthly Meeting	4.00
1897 2d Mo. 11	Providence Monthly Meeting	5.00
2d Mo 13.	Swansea Monthly Meeting	2.70
3d Mo. 4	Westport Monthly Meeting	5.00
4th Mo. 12	Winthrop Monthly Meeting	6.00
4th Mo. 15	Boston Monthly Meeting	7.30
4th Mo. 21.	For Record Books to date	3.65
5th Mo. 10.	From Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	1.60
5th Mo. 20	Amesbury Monthly Meeting	1.05
5th Mo. 20	Boston Monthly Meeting	3.00
5th Mo. 25	Arbridge Monthly Meeting	2.00
5th Mo. 29	Salem Monthly Meeting	3.00
6th Mo. 1	Smithfield Monthly Meeting	1.00
6th Mo. 4	Weare Monthly Meeting	1.50
6th Mo. 7	Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	3.00
6th Mo. 12	Falmouth Monthly Meeting	3.00
6th Mo. 12	China Monthly Meeting	.75
		$191.13

Disbursement.

1897 4th Mo. 21	Paid for printing Record Books	$60.00
5th " 15	Cash to Newport School for Library	10.00
5th " 24	Paid for Books for School at South China	15.00
5th " 24	Paid for Books for School at China	15.00
6th " 10.	Postage used by Treasurer	3.00
6th " 10	Postage used by Y.M. Superintendent	1.35
6th " 10	Sundries for use of Y.M. Superintendent	2.38
6th " 10	Balance in hands of Y.M. Supt.	8.17
6th " 12.	Balance in hands of Treasurer	76.23
		$191.13

George L. Crosman, Acting Treasurer.

30. The report of the Committee on Finance has been presented. The report shows that the contributions from our Meetings are very far short of the amounts

desired by the several committees for the carrying on of their work. We sympathize with Friends in the present financial stringency, but we fully believe that if all our membership were alive to the claims which the work of the Church has upon them, the discrepancy between the amounts asked for and the receipts would be greatly lessened.

Report of Committee on Finance.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

The year shows a gain in the contributions to two of the Committees carrying on the benevolent work of the Yearly Meeting, but in the remainder there is a decrease, and the sum total is more than three hundred dollars less than last year. It has been suggested that the Committees who feel that their work is somewhat overlooked by the contributors, might have their Treasurers forward to the Monthly Meetings two or three times during the year, a short circular, stating clearly just what funds they have on hand and the amount desired to carry them out. More interest would thus be aroused and the members would afterwards be more likely to remember, in the envelopes the causes thus brought before them.

The Monthly Meetings of Boston, Uxbridge and Westport have again exceeded their quota, while no contributions have been reported from South Kingston, Dorchester, Winchester, Lincoln, Vassalboro, Unity, Maple Grove, Sidney, St. Albans, Sandwich, N. H. and Pittsfield. In corresponding with the Treasurers of the several Monthly Meetings, your Secretary has been able to get no response from Lincoln.

There has been some difficulty in receiving returns from the Treasurers of the Standing Committees this year, owing to the fact that the time for the final payment from the Treasurers of the Monthly Meetings came so close to the time of opening the Yearly Meeting. Your Committee would suggest that the Treasurers of the several Monthly Meetings dispatch their contributions at once after collection to the

Treasurers of the Yearly Meeting. If this is done the Treasurers of the Committees will usually be able to send their reports to the Financial Secretary, so that the statistical report can be completed before Yearly Meeting.

The following is the tabulated statement:-

Contributions from the Several Monthly Meetings towards the Benevolent Work carried on by the Yearly Meeting.

Monthly Meetings	Gospel Work	Foreign Missions	Western Indians	Freedmen	Bible School Work.	Suppression of the Liquor Traffic	Education	Peace	Totals	Amount Called for
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.										
Rhode Island	$14.20	$10.00	$10.00	$3.00			$2.00	$3.00	$42.20	$469.70
Greenwich		22.55	7.70	4.05					34.30	67.10
Swansea	70.00	44.00	31.50	15.75	2.70	4.40	2.50	6.30	177.15	375.76
Providence	9.00	104.00	15.00	26.00	5.00	3.50	3.25	3.75	169.50	375.76
S. Kingston										53.68
Salem Quarterly Meeting										
Salem	86.61	76.75	89.37	15.93	3.00	11.34	7.10	6.40	246.34	381.94
Amesbury	8.00	6.25	3.75	1.00		3.75		1.50	24.25	219.60
Weare	26.00	15.00	2.00	6.00		3.50		5.00	57.50	186.66
Boston	68.80	75.42	42.50	17.57	7.30	9.43	5.85	9.03	235.91	189.80
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting										
Sandwich (Mass)	3.00	34.00	21.75	7.00		4.50	2.50		72.75	183.00
Dartmouth	11.90	1.60	5.15	1.10		1.35	1.00	1.30	23.40	122.00
Westport	20.00	10.00	20.60	5.00		15.00	5.00	10.00	85.00	73.20
New Bedford		77.60							77.60	841.80
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting										
Falmouth	10.00	12.75	23.75	6.00		3.27	3.00	3.00	61.77	228.14
Durham										129.62
Windham										108.88
Lewiston										57.85

Monthly Meetings	Gospel Work	Foreign Missions	Western Indians	Freedmen	Bible School Work	Suppression of the Liquor Traffic	Education	Peace	Totals	Amount Credited for
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting										
Smithfield	$16.65	25.40	18.45	6.90		7.95	1.00	2.00	78.35	161.04
Ashbridge	56.00	120.00	75.00	25.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	300.00	164.70
Foston	6.00	11.35	1.50	.35			.76		20.16	40.26
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting										
Vassalboro										167.75
China	2.00	2.15	1.25	.96				1.50	7.86	117.42½
Unity										50.32½
Maple Grove										
Dover Quarterly Meeting										
Dover		$10.00	5.08						15.00	219.60
Berwick			2.00					2.00	4.00	146.40
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting										
Sidney										146.40
Winthrop	15.00	33.92	8.38	6.13		18.97		2.00	84.40	549.00
St. Albans										36.60
Paramefield Quarterly Meeting										
Paramefield										81.33⅓
Sandwich, N.H.										40.66⅔
Totals	423.20	692.74	334.05	147.94	24.00	92.96	40.96	61.78	1817.63	$6,100.00
Last year									2,138.06	

For the Finance Committee

D. P. Atherton, Secretary

Portland, Sixth Month 14th, 1897.

A Plan for Christian Giving

The necessity of system in Christian giving is very generally recognized, and has its warrant in the words of Scripture: "Upon the first day of the week

let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come" (I Cor 6-2) "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord" (Lev 27:32) "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." (Luke 12:48).

Many may be sharers of blessings that they have never before known, if obedient to the Gospel teaching: "Let each man do according as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." (II Cor 9:7) The Mosaic standard of tithes and offerings received a new impulse in the early Christian Church when brought under the power of that sacrifice which was the offering of Himself once for all.

1st Duties of Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance

The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance, composed of one man and one woman from each Quarterly Meeting, with the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting as member ex-officio, shall organize by the appointment of one of its members as Financial Secretary. It shall issue as early as the first of the seventh month of each year a general circular letter, containing a statement of the several amounts necessary to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses (including obligations which may have been assumed) and also for philanthropic work under its care, the latter amounts having been specified by the respective standing committees in their annual reports to the Yearly Meeting. This Circular Letter shall embody such other items of interest and advice relating to finances as may have claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting, with directions about the use of the envelopes as may seem to be required. It shall contain suitable blanks in which to enter an estimate of Monthly and Preparative Meeting expenses, with the apportionment to individual members. The following form is recommended: -

The amount which _____ Monthly Meeting has directed to be raised to meet expenses the ensuing year, including its quota of Yearly and Quarterly Stock is $ _____

Quota of the above amount for _____ Preparative Meeting $ —

Current expenses for Preparative Meeting $ —
Total $ —

My proportion of the above amount is about — per month

Treasurer.

This Committee shall prepare suitable books of entry for the use of Monthly and Preparative Meetings and shall have envelopes printed to correspond with the objects for which money is needed. They shall strive to foster an interest in the work, and a healthful spirit of giving among the members of their respective Quarterly Meetings

It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to maintain a correspondence with the Treasurers of Monthly Meetings, and also with the Treasurers of the several standing committees, who are receiving offerings through the envelopes and forward to the Monthly Meetings, as often as may seem best, a statement of the financial condition of each object for which funds are desired, with any need that may exist

2d. Duties of Monthly Meetings and their Finance Committees. — Monthly Meetings shall annually appoint three Friends from each of their Preparative Meetings one of whom shall be the treasurer of that Preparative Meeting, and these with the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting as member ex officio, shall constitute the Monthly Meeting's Committee on Finance. It is recommended that the financial year in each Monthly Meeting begin in the autumn, in order that the information and advice from the yearly Meeting may be duly received through the Quarterly Meeting. The Finance Committee shall duly fill the blank spaces in the Circular Letter intended for estimates of all meeting expenses, and apportion to individual members the amounts considered necessary to meet such expenses. This committee shall distribute to each member, both male and female, who may be expected to aid the work of the church, envelopes for monthly offerings, properly numbered, and with the envelopes shall be given a copy of the Circular Letter, after the proper blanks have been filled

Directly after the first Sabbath in Tenth, Twelfth, Third and Sixth Months of each year, the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting shall forward to the several treasurers of the Yearly Meeting's standing committees all free-will offerings intended for the work entrusted to them and shall also report the same with other accounts annually to the Monthly Meeting.

3rd Duties of Preparative Meetings and their Treasurers.- When a Monthly Meeting consists of more than one Preparative Meeting, each of such Preparative Meetings is advised to appoint a treasurer to have charge of its receipts and disbursements. This treasurer shall make a list in the book of entry, furnished him by the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting, of all members of the Meeting who may be expected to contribute, and assign to each a number, except when members of one family prefer to be indexed under one number, when he may adapt his record to their choice. As the envelopes are returned to the treasurer, he shall enter the items in the cash book, stating the number of the envelope and name of month when payment is made, with the respective amounts, in the proper columns. He shall forward quarterly all free-will offerings to the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting. Contributions for local expenses shall remain in his hands to be paid as the Preparative Meeting may require.

4th Duties of Individual Members.- Each member, who is able to do so, is desired to enclose in the envelopes, monthly contributions towards "Meeting Expenses" as apportioned by the Finance Committee; but if preferred, the amount may be paid proportionately, semi-annually or annually. He is also earnestly entreated to contribute free-will offerings for the philanthropic work carried on by the Yearly Meeting, and named in the Circular Letter, as may be consistent with his duty to God, as a steward of the property entrusted to him, being careful always to give an honest reply to the query: "How much owest thou unto my Lord?" If the donor has no choice how his offerings shall be appropriated, the amount may be placed against

the item "General Fund", and the Finance Committee of the Monthly Meeting will distribute it among the objects named, as in its judgment seems best. The item "Meeting Expenses," on the envelope includes the expenses of both the Preparative and the Monthly Meetings. The item "General Fund", covers all objects named on the envelope except "Meeting Expenses."

36. The Committee on Nominations are directed to bring forward names of delegates to attend the Conference of Friends Yearly Meetings to be held at Indianapolis in Tenth Month next.

37. Adjourned to meet at 3.30 this afternoon.

38. Afternoon. Met as per adjournment.

39. The subject of a revision of our Book of Discipline has been brought before us and considered. It is concluded to refer the matter to a committee to be appointed by this Meeting, including the Friends nominated by the Quarterly Meetings, for their consideration and action if in their judgment action seems desirable.

40. The report of the Committee for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic has been read. We are reminded on every hand of the magnitude of the evil of the traffic, a traffic which builds its profits upon ruined lives, desolate homes, blighted manhood, crime and poverty. We appreciate the difficulty under which the Committee labors in seeking to put down a business around which is thrown the protection of the law, and we record our unqualified hostility to a protection that is offered to the strong and leaves the weak to his mercy. We urge a strong support of our Committee by all possible means.

Report of the Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

We submit these statistics, which as far as could be ascertained, comprise the work accomplished in the different Quarterly Meetings belonging to our Yearly Meeting in the cause of the suppression of the liquor traffic.

The Superintendent of Literature gives the following report: "Much less literature has been sent out than usual

as there has been less money to spend. Early in the year we have added for the use of the Committee, a set of eight charts, illustrating the effect of the use of alcohol on the stomach, which have been in use since and are a great help in the work among children in schools, bands of hope, etc. Mrs. Henry's works have been put into the library of a Sheltering Home for Women and Girls. Leaflets and illustrated tracts have been given into homes, reading-rooms, depots, houses of correction, almshouses, and police stations. One book was also given to a library for the patrol of the city. "Neal Dow Day" was observed with appropriate exercises in both our boarding-schools, Oak Grove and Providence and in both these schools the teaching of the effects of alcohol and narcotics on the system is not neglected.

The Chairman of the Committee on Lectures reports that twenty-eight temperance lectures and addresses have been given. One at Friends' School in Providence, two at Oak Grove Seminary, one at Rivers Hill Seminary, one in Friends meeting-house in Lynn, one in Providence meeting-house, one in Winthrop, and two were given in halls and other places in Friends' neighborhoods in other parts of the Yearly Meeting. The Chairman of the Committee has also distributed over nine thousand pages of literature, presided at fourteen public meetings and spoken briefly at several.

The monthly temperance Bible Lesson has, we believe, been taught in most, if not all, our First Day Schools, and in New Bedford much temperance literature has been distributed. Two lectures on the subject were delivered, one by Mary J. Weaver and one by Mrs. Barton of Boston. For several years the New Bedford W. C. T. U. held their meetings in a room hired for the purpose. In the fall of '95, finding the many expenses of rent, light, etc. too great and responsible a burden, and feeling that the money might be spent to better advantage, the union requested the Friends to allow them the use of a room in their Meeting House. This request after due deliberation was gladly granted, and for the

last two years the Union have held their meetings in the First Day School room.

The Temperance Committee of the Sandyville Friends Y.P.S.C.E. have been quite active, and have had some half dozen temperance meetings with addresses.

Many thousand pages of literature have been distributed by members of the Y.M. Committee, and work has been done in connection with local temperance organizations.

While in view of the fearful increase of this most terrible sin of intemperance, the work accomplished seems small, yet many are the earnest, faithful laborers who have for many years put forth their strength and means in advancing the interests of Temperance outside of our own borders. We are sure that all work in this direction entered into in the spirit of the Master is blessed, yet we believe that one of the most potent factors in the deliverance of the nation from the liquor curse is the Mission Kindergarten. Taking the little ones before the sad lessons of sin and misery are instilled into their lives, and putting other interests into them, is truly the Lord's work, and is accepted of Him.

The Cleveland Journal and Bulletin says that a gentleman of that city attended the meeting of the Ohio State Liquor League and took down in his note-book the following extract from the speech of one of the officers of the League:

"It will appear from these facts, gentlemen, that the success of our business is dependent largely upon the creation of an appetite for drink. Men who drink liquor, like others, will die, and if there is no new appetite created, our counters will be empty, as will be our coffers. Our children will go hungry, or we must change our business to something more remunerative. The open field for the creation of this appetite is among the boys. After men are grown, and their habits are formed, they rarely ever change in this regard. It will be needful, therefore, that missionary work be done among the boys, and I make the suggestion gentlemen, that nickels expended in treats to boys now will return in dollars to your tills after the appetites have been

formed. Above all things create appetites."

The editor of the American Grocer, who has been in the habit of studying the government statistics of the consumption of liquors, and whose conclusions have been accepted with a great deal of confidence, says that the nation's whisky bill in 1896, as a beverage, amounted to $270,000,000 and that one billion eighty-one million gallons of beer was consumed. After having just made a careful examination of the reports for the past year, he shows that the hard times have resulted in a diminished consumption of liquors, nevertheless the total alcoholic drinking bill of the United States for 1896 was $861,693,832.

Is it that our ears get accustomed to the sad stories of suffering which the grinding of the millions brings, that we are not more fully alive to our responsibility in this direction?

Let us be aroused and do our missionary work among the boys and girls, endeavoring to create in them the appetite for pure and honest living, which means love to God and all humanity.

Mary C. Paylis, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Suppression of Liquor Traffic.

Receipts.

Balance from old Committee	$25.97
Received from Susan Seabury	5.00
Received from Monthly Meeting Treasurers	92.96
	$123.93

Expenditures.

Paid on Account of Lectures	$74.22
Paid on Account of Literature	26.50
Balance on hand	23.21
	$123.93

Respectfully submitted

Elisha T. Read, Treasurer.

Pawtucket, R. I. Sixth Mo. 7th, 1897.

Note. — For a detailed statement of receipts from

Monthly Meetings, on report of the Financial Secretary.

41. The report of the Committee on Freedmen has been read and excited our sympathy. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Freedmen.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The average attendance of pupils at the Maryville Institute has continued as large as in previous years, showing a little increase in three of the months of the past year. The number of students receiving aid from the George Sturge Fund in the fall term was fifty-five, their average age being nineteen, and there were forty-three in the Spring term with the same average in age.

The Principal, L. H. Garner, has arranged to continue the school another year with this Yearly Meeting's usual appropriation of five hundred dollars, and the hope of an increase in the voluntary offerings towards the school expenses. We feel grateful indeed for this willingness on her part to hold fast to the work and trust we can in good measure sympathize with her in the thought of what may be the more serious situation in the event of the school's discontinuance for want of funds.

Robert P. Gifford, Secretary.

Financial Statement.

Receipts.

Yearly Meeting Appropriation	$500.00
Offerings from Monthly Meetings	147.94
Henry Camp Fund Income	53.50
Other Donations	1.68
From Trustees of George Sturge Fund	1450.08
	$2153.20

Expenditures.

Paid L. H. Garner, Principal, on service account	$703.12
Paid for aid to students on the Geo. Sturge Fund	1450.08
	$2,153.20

Robert P. Gifford, Treasurer.

Portland, Sixth Mo. 1897.

Note— For statement of Monthly Meeting offerings see report of Financial Secretary.

Annual Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, Manville, Tenn., for the year 1896-7.

Number of days taught	190
Number enrolled	241
Percent of attendance	84.2
Number of boarders in the building	78.
Number of teachers in Training-Class	119.
Number graduating in the Elementary Class	8.

In reviewing the work of the past year, we thankfully acknowledge the presence of our Heavenly Father, who keepeth that which is committed to His care; and we earnestly pray that influences for good may be exerted by the students who go out from our school year by year, as teachers among the less fortunate of their race.

Respectfully submitted
Lettie H. Garner, Principal.

42. The report of the Trustees of the Geo. Sturge, B. F. Knowles and Henry Camp's Funds has been read and approved.

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, Benjamin F. Knowles and Henry Camp's Funds

Financial Statement

George Sturge Fund.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$18.78
Coupons paid Seventh Month 1st	727.50
Coupons paid First Month 1st	727.50
Interest on deposit	17.25
	$1491.03

Expenditures.

Assisting Students, Fall Term, 1896	$632.68
Assisting Students, Spring Term, 1897	817.40
Rent of Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit	10.00
Balance for new account	30.95
	$1491.03

Benjamin F. Knowles Fund.

Deposited in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, Eleventh Month 1870. $283.13
Accrued interest on the same to 5th Mo. 1st '77 8.17
$291.86

There has been no dividend declared the last year by the Hillmantic Linen Company.

Henry Camp's Fund.

Receipts.

Interest on mortgage for $1,000 $53.50

Expenditures

Paid Committee on Freedmen Fourth Month 7th 53.50

On behalf of the Trustees

Augustine Jones

J. H. Chace

43. The Committee for that purpose have presented nominations for various committees, all of which are approved.

44. Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

45. Third day morning. Met at the hour appointed.

46. The records of the Representative Meeting have been read and the doings of that Meeting have been approved.

47 The Representative Meeting having asked that the subject of birth-right membership be left for further consideration, it is concluded to refer the matter to the Committee for a Revision of the Discipline

48. The Queries, with answers summarized from answers sent up by the Quarterly Meetings, have been read, the reading of the answers from the several Quarterly Meetings being omitted under a suspension of the rules.

Summary Answers.

1. Nearly all meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held. Fifty-three

omissions are reported; and two Quarterly Meetings speak of "several" being omitted. These omissions are due largely to inclement weather. Most Friends attend them duly on First-day at the hour appointed. Much neglect of mid-week meetings, and some of meetings for discipline.

2. We believe a good degree of love and unity are maintained. Three Quarterly Meetings report "Detraction guarded against." Two Quarterly Meetings "Clear of differences." Some detraction and differences exist in the others, and efforts are made to end them.

3. Nearly all of our members are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train their children in accordance with our religious profession.

4. With few exceptions our members frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually as well as collectively in their families, encouraging their children and others in this daily practice. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry is maintained with exceptions reported in two Quarterly Meetings.

5. Four Quarterly Meetings are clear of intoxicants. Thirteen individual cases of the use of intoxicants exist among the other Quarterly Meetings. Five Quarterly Meetings report, "Friends careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with the Christian character." The others are not quite clear.

6. Clear as to the several parts of this query, with the exception of one Quarterly Meeting, which reports nearly clear.

7. More care is needed in regard to military matters and oaths, only one Quarterly Meeting being clear on these points. Clear as to defrauding the public revenue.

8. Clear in the several parts of this query, with some exceptions in three Quarterly Meetings.

9. Careful as to records. A few removals without certificates.

10. The discipline is administered as queried after, with slight exceptions in three Quarterly Meetings. Four Quarterly Meetings say it is not so timely as would be best.

Minute on the State of Society.

Under a sense of the presence of the Master, we have entered upon the consideration of our present condition, as shown in the answers to the Queries. The all essential spirit of love is a regulator and rectifier, and with it fully shed abroad in our hearts and shining itself in our lives and conversation, there will remain no room for disunity and detraction. A love that is perfect will receive in kindness the word of correction from a brother. "Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities." The love of Christ cannot be circumscribed by Church lines, or geographical lines, or sectional lines of any kind. It is a love that impels us to a carrying out of our Lord's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Our uncompromising testimony, not only negatively against all war, but positively in favor of peace, has been pressed upon our attention as a need even in the time of outward peace.

Every child of God is united to Christ, and is or ought to be united with the brotherhood. We have differing gifts and require charity one towards another in its broad and complete sense. We have need of confidence in one another, the same confidence which we would have reposed in us by others. Better that we should find that his confidence has been abused, than that a brother should have been hindered, discouraged or saddened by our distrust. Let your confidence rest in God, and with the children of God in their honesty of purpose.

We desire that the spiritual condition of the Church shall demand a deeply spiritual ministry. God will take

care of his servants, as he always has, let whatever duty the Church has towards the ministry, let it be faithful to.

In the matter of a strict maintenance of our testimony in respect to the use of intoxicants, we were urged to yet greater effort, especially that as regards our own membership we should show ourselves absolutely pure.

Meetings are exhorted to carefulness in receiving members, to see that their lives are morally clean, and consistent with their professions of conversion, before identifying themselves with the Church in membership. No ambition for the increase of our numbers ought to bias our judgment in this matter.

The motherhood of the Church, both in the lines of nurture and correction, was brought to our notice. Success will depend invariably upon faithfulness. The power which we as Christian professors might receive and wield effectively, were we absolutely and unquestioningly obedient, may not be estimated.

50. The Representatives have presented names of Friends for vacancies occurring in the Executive Meeting, which are approved.

51. The Representatives present the following apportionment of Yearly Meeting expense among our Quarterly Meetings, which is adopted, viz:-

Rhode Island	22 1/4 %	Salem	15 1/2 %
Sandwich	20 1/4 %	Falmouth	8 3/4 %
Smithfield	6 1/4 %	Vassalboro	5 1/2 %
Dover	4 %	Fairfield	12 1/2 %
Parmsfield	2 %		

52. By recommendation of the Representatives it is decided to change our Discipline so that the apportionment shall be considered by the Finance Committee and reported upon each year.

53. Adjourned to four o'clock this P. M.

54. Afternoon. Met according to adjournment.

55. The Nomination Committee presented names of Friends to attend the Conference of Friends

yearly Meetings at Indianapolis in Tenth Month next, and they recommend that the expenses of such as attend be paid by the Yearly Meeting where it may be necessary, all of which is approved.

Delegates.

Charles H. Jones.	Rufus M. Jones	Emeline H. Tuttle
Joseph E. Briggs	Ruth S. Murray	Sarah J. Swift
Ezra Hawkes	Salome C. Wheeler.	Alice W. Maxfield

The Nominating Committee also presented names to fill vacancies occurring on the Gospel Committee, Committee of Arrangements, Committee on Freedmen, on Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, Peace, Income of Mosher Fund, and Trustees of Mosher Fund, all of which are satisfactory

56. The Committee to disburse the income of the H. H. Mosher Fund presented their report which is satisfactory.

Report of the Committee on Disbursement of the H. H. Mosher Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

Your committee have subscribed for three hundred and five copies of the American Friend this year. A large number of the subscriptions were due about the middle of Seventh Month, and the rest at various dates. This gave the members of the Committee considerable inconvenience in renewing their lists, and it was therefore decided to lay up to the beginning of the year and commence all the subscriptions at the same time. This has been done and it seems likely to be much more satisfactory, but a year and a half subscription had to be paid out of this year's funds.

Fifty copies of the Missionary Advocate have also been taken.

Seventy-seven copies of the "Riven Veil" by J. L. Beans have been distributed and one hundred copies of T. Hodgkin's "Life of George Fox" have been received, but so recently on account of delay in getting them from England, that they have not been distributed.

Henry H. Godda d, Chairman
D. P. Atherton, Secretary.

H. H. Mosher Fund.

Treasurer's Account.

Receipts

Balance from last report	$239.95
Received from Trustees	500.00
	$739.95
Balance due Treasurer	.40
	$740.35

Expenditures.

305 copies American Friend, from 8th Mo. 1st, 1896 to 12th Mo. 31st 1897	$581.21
110 copies Hodgkin's "Geo. Fox", with expenses, etc.	92.96
77 copies "Rivin Veil", with expenses, etc	60.75
10 copies Geo. Fox the "Red Hot Quaker" (for examination)	2.00
Postage and Stationery	3.40
	$740.35

J. E. Paige, Treasurer.

Lynn, Sixth Month 5th, 1897.

57. The Trustees of the H. H. Mosher Fund have presented a satisfactory report.

Report of the Trustees of the H. H. Mosher Fund.

For the year 1897.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

The Funds in our hands are as follows:

City of Boston 5% Registered Gold Bond	$10,000.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings Bank Book	1,214.67
Lynn Institution for Savings Bank Book	2,153.02
	$13,867.69

We have received interest from City of Boston	$500.00
We have received from New Bedford Institution for Savings	136.02
We have received from Lynn Institution for Savings	103.02
	$739.04

Paid to J. Edward Paige Treasurer of Committee to disburse the income	500.00
Balance of income	$239.04

This balance is deposited in the two banks above mentioned.

For the Trustees,

Olney T. Meader
C. M. Bailey.

58. The Committee on Peace have presented their report, which is satisfactory. In spite of the wars which are going on in various parts of the world, and with especial cruelty and persistency in the island of Cuba, we still believe that the cause of peace is gaining ground; and while the Anglo-American treaty failed of ratification in the United States Senate, we feel sure that the action of that body was not warranted by the public sentiment of the country, and we have been especially gratified at the position of the Church and the press upon this matter.

Report of Committee on Peace.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The small amount of money which has come to the treasury of the Peace Committee has been given to the American Peace Society to aid in the circulation of the Advocate of Peace among ministers and others in New England. This society carries on its work in harmony with the objects of this committee, and its paper, issued monthly, seems to us very effective for good.

Individual members of the Committee have had four lectures on Peace and Arbitration delivered in different parts of the Yearly Meeting, beside several brief addresses. Some public meetings have been held in the interests of peace and temperance combined. Much personal work has been done and over two thousand pages of literature distributed.

Articles have been sent to the public press, which have been published. Several ministers of different denominations have been asked to advocate peace principles in their sermons, and have responded. One responsive reading has been prepared and published, which was used in many public meetings on New

England and elsewhere. Many personal letters were sent to United States Senators expressing our deep-felt desire for the ratification of the Arbitration Treaty with Great Britain, and favorable replies were received. The more important action of our Representative Meeting in recommending to the Senate a clear and kindly expressed petition in behalf of the whole Yearly Meeting, seemed to us very opportune. We are glad to note in this connection that the New England senators all voted for ratification except one, who was absent.

Our cause seems to have met with a check by the failure of this treaty, with all its beneficent designs, to command the votes of the requisite two-thirds of our National Senate. But the discussion has not been without its enlightening effect upon the public mind. It is not to be supposed that the cause of international arbitration will be allowed to slumber for a moment by the many noble statesmen and philanthropists who have espoused it, and whose numbers are increasing.

Our friends Albert K. and Eliza Smiley, formerly members of our Yearly Meeting, are deserving our high regard for the signal aid they are rendering this great reform by the conferences now annually held at their attractive home at Lake Mohonk, N. Y. The last conference, just closed, was attended by two members of our Committee who rendered assistance and partook of the confidence and enthusiasm which pervaded it.

It is apparent that the more the subject of international peace and arbitration is discussed the greater the strength which it attains. We can recognize the Divine hand in the progress which it is making and we can confidently trust that the lovers of humanity will be enabled to press such sober and forceful truth upon the minds of the rulers of the civilized nations of the world that they will, in the near future, institute some system of

judicature by which the brutality and savagery of war may be forever supplanted by reason and enlightened conscience

On behalf of the Committee,
Samuel Buffum, Secretary.

Peace Committee New England Yearly Meeting
Receipts

Brought forward from 1896		$3.60
Received from China Monthly Meeting		1.50
" " Salem "	"	6.40
" " Winthrop "	"	2.00
" " Boston "	"	9.03
" " Uxbridge "	"	5.00
" " Westport "	"	10.00
" " Fall River "	"	4.40
" " Dartmouth "	"	1.30
" " Amesbury "	"	1.50
" " Falmouth "	"	3.00
" " Weare "	"	5.00
" " Berwick "	"	2.00
" " Rhode Island "	"	3.00
" " Smithfield "	"	2.00
" " Providence "	"	3.75
" " Swansea "	"	1.70 $65.38

Expenditures.

Paid contribution to American Peace Society	60.00
Balance on hand	$5.38

Thomas Wood, Treasurer.

Sixth Month 10th, 1897.

89. The report of the Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor has been read. The work of this organization in its various departments is accomplishing great good in bringing young people to the Savior and into the interests and service of the Church.

Annual Report of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

To New England Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends: We are led to believe that Christian Endeavor has not yet fulfilled its mission, even in New England Yearly Meeting, although many have predicted that the days of the Christian Endeavor movement in the world at large were numbered.

We see by our statistical report that seven new societies have been organized the past year, while in the Minutes of a year ago but two new ones had been formed and two laid down. A Junior Society is reported at Friends School.

One hundred and thirteen active members have joined our ranks besides twenty-seven associate members. We rejoice that from these societies thirty-nine have found their Church home within our beloved society. We only regret that we cannot compare these figures with the report of a year ago; but that mysteriously disappeared and so was not printed in the Minutes for 1896, but we feel sure there is a marked growth in every direction. Our increasing missionary spirit is noticeable, and our young people and children are being trained to give proportionately and systematically as the Lord prospers them, and thus will the future welfare of the Society of Friends in all good work be established on the right foundation.

Our earnest desire has been the key note of this Yearly Meeting that together, older and younger, we may so abide in our loving Lord that we shall be able to distinguish His voice from that of the stranger, and where He leads, we will gladly follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby M. C. Reed,

Secretary pro tem.

60. The Auditing Committee have presented their report which is satisfactory. We appoint Samuel R. Huffington Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the

coming year, James H. Chace for Treasurer of the Providence School Funds and Joseph E. Briggs for Treasurer of the Oak Grove School Funds. It is the desire of the Meeting that hereafter the Treasurer of this Meeting submit his report, signed by himself, and that it be verified by the Auditors.

Auditors' Report

Receipts.

To balance last year	$1,020.28
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	660.00
Salem Quarterly Meeting	540.00
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting	600.00
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	255.00
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting	180.00
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting	165.00
Dover Quarterly Meeting	180.00
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	360.00
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting	60.00
Cash of the Sarah H. Henley Estate	300.00
Cash received on Loans	2,500.00
Sales of Books of Discipline	9.90
Received from Interest and Dividends	84.24
	6,914.42

Expenditures.

Yearly Meeting Expenses, 1896	$395.06
Printing, Stationery & Copying	472.65
Paid Committee on Foreign Missions, Sarah H. Henley Estate	732.00
Paid Committee on Freedmen	500.00
Cash Loans Returned	2,500.00
Paid Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	525.00
Paid Oak Grove Note Balance	500.00
Paid on Portland Meeting House Account (Balance now due $1,500.00)	250.00
Paid Expenses Finance Committee	4.05
Paid Interest on Loans	192.05
Paid Safe Deposit Box Rent	5.00
Balance in Treasurer's hands	870.38
	$6,914.42

Note: Of this balance ($870.68) the sum of two hundred dollars ($200) is held subject to the draft of the Committee on Foreign Missions from the legacy of Sarah H. Manley.

We would propose the name of Samuel R. Buffington for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, and James H. Chace for Treasurer of Providence School Funds and Joseph E. Briggs for Treasurer of Oak Grove School.

By direction of the Committee for Audit of the Treasurer's Accounts.

Robert P. Gifford

Portland Sixth Month 15th, 1897.

61. The Finance Committee present the following recommendations, which are approved:

Report of Finance Committee - Appropriations.

The Finance Committee recommend that $2,500 be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year. They also recommend the following appropriations from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting:

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$525.00
For Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	500.00
For Portland Meeting House Note and Interest	260.00
For Expenses Finance Committee	25.00
Towards Cost of Well at Oak Grove	279.36
	$1589.36

Your committee recommends that as far as practicable each Quarterly Meeting send forward one half of its quota by the first of the Eleventh Month and the remainder by the first of Fifth Month of each year.

Your Committee also recommends that the Plan of Giving as found in the Minutes last year be reprinted in this year's Minutes.

Deborah P. Atherton Financial Secretary

The several Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay to our Treasurer their respective proportions of $2,500 in the manner indicated.

62. The Friends named by the Clerk at a

previous sitting for conference in regard to the Providence School property, present the following report for record, which is approved by this Meeting.

Report of the Committee Appointed to Confer with George L. Crosman in Reference to the Friends' School Property.

We have attended to our appointment and also been in conference with the Real Estate Committee of the School, and it appears, as far as we have investigated the subject, it has been well managed considering all the circumstances.

For the Committee,
D. Wheeler Swift.

63. The Committee on Correspondence presented an Epistle addressed to the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Ramallah which was satisfactory, and the Clerks are directed to sign it on our behalf.

64. Adjourned to meet to morrow morning. Women's meeting is separate session at nine, joint session at eleven.

65. Fourth day sixteenth. Meet at the hour appointed.

66. By consent of the meeting, the Nominating Committee presented three additional names of Friends to serve on the Gospel Committee. They also presented nominations for a Committee on the Revision of the Discipline, and a Men's Committee on Purity, all of which are approved.

67. The Committee on Correspondence presented essays of Epistles to London and Dublin Yearly Meetings, also and epistle addressed to all the Yearly Meetings in America with which we correspond; also letters to the Sick and Afflicted, and a letter to the Children of our Yearly Meeting. They have been read and approved and the Clerks are directed to sign them on our behalf.

68. The Committee on Returning Minutes presented the following for Hannah H. Leggett, and similar ones for Thomas H. Leggett, Mary H. Bedell, David E. and Emma Sampson, Amos M. Kenworthy, Isom

P. Wooton, Ezra G. Pearson, Eli G. Parker, J. Morris and Emma Lemmon, Matilda W. Atkinson, James P. Price, viz:

"To Elba Monthly Meeting of Friends, New York. Hannah H. Leggett acceptably attended this meeting, with a minute of unity from yours."

69. The various affairs of the Church that have claimed our attention have been considered and acted upon in the spirit of Christian love. We have remembered with lively interest our members scattered over the different parts of this Yearly Meeting, who from physical infirmity and other causes have been prevented from meeting with us, but whose thoughts and interests and prayers have been with and for us. May the God of all comfort bless them, and make them large partakers of the riches of His grace.

In bringing to a close the sessions of the Yearly Meeting of 1897, with the purpose of meeting at the established time in Newport, R. I., in 1898 if so permitted, we commend each other to the care of our gracious Lord, in the assurance that He will establish the work of our hands upon us, according as it is done in singleness of heart as unto Him.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

John Ellwood Paige
Alice W. Maxfield.

Clerks.

Standing Committees of the Yearly Meeting.

Members of the Executive Meeting.

For One Year.

Samuel R. Buffinton	Fall River, Mass.
Lucy T. Herbert	17 Chatham St., Lynn, Mass.
Susan F. Horie	Sandwich, Mass.
Ezra Hawkes	Portland, Maine
Isaac Steere	Harrisville, R. I.
Henry H. Goddard	
Timothy C. Hussey	No. Berwick, Me.
J. Warren Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Joseph E. Briggs	Winthrop Center, Me.
Anna G. Wood	New Bedford, Mass.
Joseph D. Wood	215 State St., Boston, Mass.
Elizabeth K. Jones	South China, Me.
Philip A. Cornell	South Dartmouth, Mass.
George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass.

For two Years.

Augustine Jones	Providence, R. I.
J. Ellwood Paige	Lynn, Mass.
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.
Myra E. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Daniel Wheeler	Uxbridge, Mass.
Eliza P. Pierce	East Vassalboro, Maine
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Mary H. Jones	Winthrop Center, Me.
John B. Cartland	North Sandwich, N. H.
Lewis H. Douglas	Portland, Me.
William Thompson	New Bedford, Mass.
D. Wheeler Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Jesse McPherson	Winthrop Center, Me.
William O. Newhall	Lynn, Mass.
Charles H. Thorndike	Concord, N. H.
Susan T. Thompson	New Bedford, Mass.

For Three Years

Phebe S. Aydelott	Fall River, Mass.

Daniel C. Maxfield	Amesbury, Mass.
John B. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass
John J. Frye	Portland, Me.
William P. Pinkham	Woonsocket, R. I.
Linwood W. Jones	South China, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.
Phebe L. Pope	
J. Hacker Hall	Windham Center, Me
Levi Jones	Winthrop, Me.
Olney Meader	Boston, Mass
Deborah P. Atherton	Uxbridge, Mass
Ruth S. Murray	New Bedford, Mass
Isaac B. Macomber	
Salome C. Wheeler	Uxbridge, Mass

Providence Boarding School Committee.

For one year.

Edward T. Tucker	Bessie T. Wing
Joshua L. Macomber	S. Caroline Tobey
John J. Frye	Mary A. Crosman
Charles E. Cobb	M. Augusta Battey
Thomas Wood	Martha Hoag of Boston
Barker Newhall	Rufus M. Jones

For Two Years.

John Shober Kimber	Rachael S. Howland
Samuel R. Buffinton	Ellen K. Buffum.
James H. Chace	Hannah J. Bailey
Peter M. Neal	Anna G. Wood.
Samuel Buffum	Deborah W. Crosman
Robert P. Gifford	Deborah P. Atherton.

For Three Years.

I. Warren Hawkes	Ruth S. Murray
Wm O. Newhall	Alice W. Maxfield
Daniel C. Maxfield	Emily M. Jones.
Charles A. Chace	Stephen C. Meader
Olney T. Meader	Sarah Marble
Charles Sisson	Susan Peckham

Real Estate Committee

For One Year

Charles Sisson Thomas Wood

For Two Years.

James H. Chace Samuel R. Buffington

For Three Years.

Olney T. Meader Robert P. Gifford

Committee on Education.

Chairman and Treasurer John Ellwood Paige, Lynn, Mass.

Secretary - Anna F. Hall, Windham Center, Me.

For One Year.

Gertrude W. Cartland Sarah Marble.

Wilmot R. Jones.

For Two Years.

George A. Barton Rufus M. Jones.

Anna F. Hall

For Three Year.

John Ellwood Paige Ruth S. Murray

Emma Hacker.

Committee on Peace.

Chairman - Benjamin F. Trueblood, 8 Somerset St. Boston, Mass.

Treasurer - Thomas Wood, 215 State Street, Boston, Mass.

Secretary - Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.

For One Year.

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For Two Years.

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Jennie F. Bishop Lynn, Mass.

For Three Years.

Fannie Ford	Boston, Mass.
Ellen Bange	Dover, N. H.
Mary C. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
Samuel R. Buffington	Fall River, Mass.
James M. Estes	Newport, R. I.
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Mary A. Chase	Hannah J. Bailey
Joshua L. Macomber	Emily S. Weeks.

For One Year.

Charles E. Prasler	Gonic, N. H.
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Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.
Clara N. Bowry	Winthrop Center, Me.
Leslie O. Meader	North Sandwich, N. H.
Mary L. Cobb	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Lizzie T. Hovey	North Sandwich, N. H.

For Two Years.

Joseph H. Atwater	Saylesville, R. I.
Louisa N. Meader	Saylesville, R. I.
William Ford.	Lawrence, Mass.
Mary A. Chase	Manchester, N. H.
Joshua L. Macomber	Mattapoisett, Mass.
Adelina F. Chace.	Fall River, Mass.
Susan M. Southwick	New Bedford, Mass.

For Three Years.

Mary C. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.
Jennie P. Douglas	

Edward S. Hacker
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Committee on Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

For One Year.

Jesse McPherson — Sarah Marble
George H. Cates — Anna M. Priest
William H. Douglas — Eliza B. Douglas
Herbert O. Jepson — Clara W. Mumford
Melvin M. Bailey — Lettie M. Bailey

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For Two Years.

Charles M. Bailey — Sophia D. Bailey
C. Irving Bailey — Hannah J. Bailey
Mabel G. Bailey — Ezra Hawkes
Joseph E. Briggs — Emma S. Briggs
John J. Frye — Myra E. Frye

George L. Crosman.

For Three Years.

Mary R. Jones — Ruthanna H. Washburn
Alfred H. Jones — Eliza P. Pierce
Henry Winslow — Mary G. Winslow
Elwood A. Bailey — Elmora S. Woodman
J. Warren Hawkes — Edward H. Cook

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For One Year

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For Two Years.

Timothy B. Hussey	Anna M. Hussey
Anna G. Wird	Augustine Jones
Hannah J. Bailey	Mary E. Kimber
Sarah J. Swift	Harriette D. Collins

For Three Years.

William Thompson	Susan T. Thompson
Ruth S. Murray	Robert P. Gifford
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Elizabeth Swan	William T. Hussey

Committee on Western Indians.

Chairman - William O. Newhall

Secretary - Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Me.

Treasurer - Samuel Buffum.

Associated Executive Committee.

William O. Newhall	Myra E. Frye
Emeline H. Tuttle	John S. Kimber

For One Year

Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Emma S. Briggs	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Mary D. Collins	Hopkinton City, R. I.
Susan H. Meader	634 Warren St., Roxbury, Mass
Almira B. Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
John S. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
Elisha T. Reed	Woonsocket, R. I.

For Two Years.

William O. Newhall	Lynn, Mass
Mary E. Kimber	Newport, Mass
John J. Fry	Woodfords, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.
Lettie M. Bailey	

For Three Years.

Edward T. Tucker	New Bedford, Mass.
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Elizabeth M. Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
Ellen A. Buffum	Providence, R. I.

Myra E. Frye	Newfields. Me.
Rosa C. Tuttle	Dover. N. H.
Ann M. Gove	Seabrook. N. H.

Trustees Committee

Secretary and Treasurer Robert P. Gifford.

For One Year

Robert P. Gifford — Hannah J. Bailey

For two years

Lewis H. Douglas — Susan F. Horne

For Three years

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Committee on Gospel Work.

Chairman Charles H. Jones, Amesbury Mass.

Secretary Harriette D. Collins, Vassalboro, Me.

Treasurer Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Center, Me.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Rhode Island —	Frank E. Jones
Salem	Charles H. Thorndike
Sandwich	William P. Macomber
Falmouth	Ezra Hawkes
Smithfield	Salmon C. Wheeler
Vassalboro	Linwood H. Jones.
Dover	Emeline H. Tuttle
Farmington	Horace M. Hall
Farmingfield	Silas H. Cartland.

For One Year.

Emeline H. Tuttle	Salmon C. Wheeler
Ezra Hawkes	Charles H. Thorndike
Silas H. Cartland	Linwood H. Jones
John S. Kimball	Charles H. Jones.

For Two Years.

William Thompson	Susan F. Thompson
Joseph E. Briggs	Emma A. Greene
William W. Ware	Elizabeth T. Larkin
George H. Farr	William P. Macomber

For Three Years.

Edward G. Ward	Martha E. Osborne
James M. Estes	William P. Pinkham
Horace [illegible] Hall	Harriette D. Collins
Frank E. Jones	Mary E. Gifford

Church Extension Board

Chairman - Benjamin F. Trueblood

Secretary George L. Crosman

Treasurer Thomas Ward.

Executive Committee

Charles A. Chace	Geo. L. Crosman.
Sarah W. Newlin	Thomas Ward
Phebe S. Aydelott	Benjamin F. Trueblood

D. Wheeler Swift.

For One Year

Chas. A. Chace	Fall River, Mass.
Anna M. Gore	Seabrook, N. H.
George L. Crosman	Lynn. Mass.
Sarah W. Newlin	Wordfords. Me.

For Two Years

Thomas Ward	215 State Street, Boston, Mass
John J. Frye.	Portland Maine
Benjamin Greene	Portsmouth, R. I.
Melvin M. Bailey	Portland. Me.

For Three Years.

Chas. M. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.
Joseph E. Briggs	Winthrop Center, Me
Phebe S. Aydelott	344 Rock St., Fall River. Mass
Benjamin F. Trueblood	3 Somerset St. Boston. Mass

Trustees.

Olney T. Meader, one year D. Wheeler Swift, two years

Samuel Buffum, three years.

Committee on Bible Schools.

Yearly Meeting Superintendent - Lewis M. Douglas, Portland [illegible]

Secretary Eliza A. Jones, 329 Boston St., Lynn, Ma[illegible]

Treasurer - Linwood W. Jones. South China, Me.

Executive Committee

George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass
Emma J. Goddard	No. Freeport, Me
Chas. E. Bishop	Lynn, Mass

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents

Rhode Island	G. Mahlon Chace
Salem	Jennie T. Bishop
Sandwich	George R. Wood
Falmouth	Lewis M. Douglas
Smithfield	Bertha F. Pinkham
Vassalboro	Emma M. Priest
Dover	Wm. T. Hussey
Fairfield	Alfred W. Hawkes
Parsonsfield	Cornelius Turner

General Committee

For One Year

Clarence A. Pinkham	Dover, N.H.
Elizabeth B. Lord	No. Berwick, Me.
C. Irving Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Martha B. Osborne	Manchester, Me.
Thomas H. Hoag	No. Sandwich, N.H.
Melissa S. Dearborn	E. Parsonsfield, Me.
Eliza A. Jones	Lynn, Mass.

For two years

Thomas J. Battey	Providence, R.I.
Marianna Gifford	Fall River, Mass.
George F. Morse	Hallowell, Me.
A. Shalkley Collins	Great Barrington, Mass
Charles E. Bishop	Lynn, Mass.
Sarah H. Taber	New Bedford, Mass.
John T. Chase	Manchester, N.H.

For three years

Elbridge H. Packard	Lewiston, Me.
Emma J. Goddard	No. Freeport, Me.
Elisha F. Read	Woonsocket, R.I.
Alice M. Dorr	Bolton, Mass.
Linwood H. Jones	So. China, Me.
Abby P. Jenkins	E. Vassalboro, Me.
George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass.

Committee on Finance

Chairman - Phebe S. Aydelott

Financial Secretary - Deborah P. Atherton

Treasurer of G. M. (ex officio) Samuel R. Buffington

Rhode Island	Chas. W. Earle,	Phebe S. Aydelott
Salem -	Olney T. Meader,	Alice W. Maxfield
Sandwich -	John B. Bagley,	Susan F. Hoxie
Falmouth -	J. Hacker Hall	Myra E. Frye
Smithfield	D. Wheelwright	Deborah P. Atherton
Jessalboro	Wm A. Jones	Elizabeth K. Jones
Dover	Geo. Irving Jennes	Almira B. Buffum
Fairfield	J. Warren Hawkes	Hannah J. Bailey
Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland	Elizabeth S. Hoag

Committee on Income of Mosher Fund.

Chairman - Alfred H. Jones

Secretary - Deborah P. Atherton

Treasurer - J. Ellwood Paige

For one year.

Samuel Buffum J. Ellwood Paige

Susan Peckham

For Two Years.

Edward T. Tucker Alice W. Hawkes

Mary W. Jones, of Winthrop Center.

For Three Years.

Alfred H. Jones Deborah P. Atherton

Mary L. Cobb.

Trustees of Mosher Fund.

Charles M. Bailey Olney T. Meader

Joseph A. Hood.

Committee on Purity

William P. Pinkham Alvano C. Goddard

Charles H. Jones.

Committee on Revision of the Discipline
Chosen by the Quarterly Meetings.

Rhode Island	Charles H. Earle	Adaline F. Chace
Salem	Charles H. Jones	Mary B. Swan
Sandwich	Edward T. Tucker	Ruth S. Murray
Falmouth -	John J. Frye	Lucy R. Goddard
Smithfield -	William P. Pinkham	Deborah P. Atherton
Vassalboro -	Wm H. Oates	Etta S. Oates
Dover	Samuel Buffum	Emeline H. Tuttle
Fairfield -	J. Warren Hawkes	Hannah J. Bailey
Parsonsfield -	Elizabeth K. Meader.	Silas H. Cartland

Additional appointments by the Yearly Meeting

Rufus M. Jones	Augustine Jones
Israel E. Briggs	Benjamin F. Trueblood
Alfred H. Jones	John Elwood Paige
Phebe S. Aydelott	William O. Narhall
George W. Barton	H. Herbert Goddard
Robert C. Gifford	Susan Pickham
Edward G. Ford	Jesse McPherson
Myra E. Frye	Salome E. Wheeler
Phebe L. Pope	Charles W. Webber
Mary W. Jones	Susan F. Horie

Committee of Arrangements.

For One Year

Samuel C. Buffington	Robert C. Gifford
Susan Pickham	Hannah J. Bailey

For Two Years.

John J. Frye	Susan F. Horie
James N. Estes	Henry F. Newell

For Three Years.

John S. Kimber	Mary W. Macomber
Lewis S. Douglas	Myra E. Frye

Yearly Meeting Correspondents.

Joseph Cartland - Newburyport, Mass
Samuel Buffum North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey - Winthrop Center, Maine

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in London;-

Dear Friends:-

As we have assembled in our Yearly Meeting, and have transacted its various business, our hearts have been strengthened by the clear evidence of the preserving, energizing, and directing grace of our heavenly Father. Prominent in all our sessions has been the desire for His tender parental care, that God in all things might be glorified through Jesus Christ. Our meetings for worship have been times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; and our business meetings have been characterized by most precious unity of spirit. The presence and labors of dear brethren and sisters from the Yearly Meetings have renewed in our hearts a blessed sense of the fellowship existing between the different branches of our denomination; and have intensified our longing for a perfect service in the field which Infinite Wisdom and Love assigns us.

We gratefully acknowledge the blessings that have rested upon the different forms of organized effort during the year. Our boarding Schools report a deep and quite general interest in spiritual things among the pupils. We are much encouraged with the reports on Home and Foreign Missions; fresh evidence of our Father's superintending care over our labors, giving us new courage for this ever widening service. Bible Schools have been quite prosperous, though we feel increasingly the need of more enlightened methods of instruction. The temperance work progresses slowly against the almost insurmountable hinderances, which we believe only the absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic will remove. We have used our influence for the ratification by our national government of the arbitration treaty recently ratified by yours. With our knowledge of the public sentiment in this land, we believe that the present failure

your government to do its duty when this important subject is only temporary.

In our various forms of religious and philanthropic effort the example and the successes of your yearly Meeting have always cheered and inspired us. May the precious brotherhood between us be a continuous source of strength and courage to us and you.

We are, in the Master's name,

Your friends.

From New England Yearly Meeting held in Portland, Maine, from the 11th of 6th Month to the 18th of the same, inclusive, 1897.

To the next Yearly Meeting to be held in Dublin, Ireland.

Dear Friends:-

"Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ."

Thanksgiving has filled our hearts, as we have been permitted to gather in our annual assembly in quietness and peace while in the monetary and political circles in our country, much uncertainty prevails. Surely "in the fear of the Lord is strong confidence and His children shall have a place of refuge."

The feet of several of the Lord's anointed messengers have been turned towards us, and in "the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ" they have delivered the messages given them. We have earnestly desired that the purposes of our God in their coming may be fully answered, the seed sown falling into hearts prepared to receive it and bearing fruit to His glory.

We can thankfully rejoice with you in the life and activity of our younger members, many of whose hearts have been touched by the Lord and who have

commanded with Him to follow as He shall lead. The older generation is passing away, as the vacant places among us testify. but we trust that the falling mantles are being caught by those who shall carry on the Lords work. And if these workers find that the service of their day and time differs in some respects from that of their fathers, let none be unduly troubled or hindered. "The work of a day in its day" is the call to each one, and while the Truth is the same from the foundations of the world, its manifestations may differ according to the requirements of the times in which we live.

We have been reminded that the church of Christ can only fulfil the purposes of her Lord by faithfully representing Him on the earth. A working church, following the command to "go and disciple all nations." A church redeemed from the earth, strengthened and guided by the indwelling Spirit of her Lord. As a part of this church, may we realize our high calling, and prove our right to the title given in the olden time, "The Friends of Christ." Thus prepared for service, we shall find on either side of the Atlantic opportunities for the exercise of the various gifts bestowed by our Lord.

The cause of Peace, of Temperance, Bible Schools and Education engross your attention as well as our own, and we can both testify to the blessing resting on faithful efforts.

We gladly note an increase in missionary zeal among us, and would commemorate the loving care of our God in preserving our mission at Ramallah in peace and prosperity even in these unsettled times.

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God even our Father who hath loved us, and given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work."

Signed in and in behalf of New England Yearly Meeting.

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Portland Maine, U.S.A. Sixth Month 1897, to the Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Ramallah, Palestine.

Dear Friends:

Your epistle and the report sent by your Superintendent have been very interesting to us. We are very grateful to our Heavenly Father for His watchful care over you all at the Mission, during the past year when you have been surrounded by so many trials and dangers. Your Superintendent and Matron have been very kind to keep us informed in regard to your welfare and progress, so that now the land and people which once seemed so far off, are brought very near to us, and your names are like household words. The bright little flowers gathered from your valleys and hillsides, carefully pressed by loving hands and sent to us, with the pictures of the children in your School (in which many of our childrens Bands and Societies have a personal interest) all make us feel that the ties which bind us to you are growing stronger as the years go on.

We have been interested in hearing of your Peace Society, and realize how much good you may do in helping to spread those principles in your country. We know that the influences of Christianity going out from your lovely Mission home are being greatly blessed. We exhort you to let your light shine!

The different sessions of our Yearly Meeting, now being held, are very interesting occasions, in which old and young are working together, each in his own way, trying to serve God.

The Christian Endeavor Society is growing, and bringing new life into the Church.

Our Schools, under the care of the Yearly Meeting have prospered during the year, and we realize that education is a great power for good.

We rejoice to learn that the condition of the women of your land is improving, and that they are being lifted a little out of their degradation.

Someone has said during our meetings that the hope of your country lies in the salvation of our women, some of whom we have lately had with us in whose characters culture and grace have been beautifully blended. We earnestly desire that you may be greatly blessed and strengthened in your work, and that you, together with us, may labor diligently to bring about the time when the Christ like spirit may so dwell in the hearts of the people that the world may be one great brotherhood, and the nations shall not learn war any more.

American Epistle

To ------ Yearly Meeting of Friends; -

Dear Friends;

Assembled at this time under the evident overshadowing of the Divine presence, we greet you. Your welcome epistle has been read with thoughtful and prayerful consideration.

Many of God's dear messengers have been with us and we have had brought to our minds the words of Scripture, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings." Some of their messages in the power of God, have brought blessing to many hearts.

We believe the cause of missions to be one of vital interest to the Church and are thankful to record a growing missionary spirit in our midst. The work at Ramallah progresses favorably; our dear friends Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey are still at the Mission, and Wilfred and Della D. Rowntree we trust have arrived. After spending some time together, Timothy and Anna Hussey will return and leave Wilfred Rowntree in charge as our Superintendent.

Our two Boarding Schools and the cause of Education in general have claimed our favorable attention. While we thankfully appreciate our facilities for intellectual improvement, we desire that our members may be earnest scholars in the school of Christ, being fully persuaded that no human education can be substituted for the teaching of the Divine Master Himself, for truly no man ever spake as He spake.

We thankfully note the interest and the efforts of our younger members. Their Society of Christian Endeavor is well represented in our annual gathering.

Close to our hearts lie the claims of the Indians and the Freedmen and the causes of Temperance and Peace have among us earnest advocates.

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We are persuaded that it is the mission of the Church to preach Christ as the hope of the dying world, and the only Christ as the need of the church; and to watch for the return of the Lord Jesus. To this end let us faithfully labor and be found ready when the Lord doth come.

We are as ever your friends

To be inserted in the minutes, as indicated by the clerk.

To the Ohio & Iowa Yearly Meeting –

We rejoice with you because of the missionary zeal manifested by the young men and women in your meetings, and trust that as they go forth to labor one by one in the great harvest field, it will be under the directing hand of the Lord and in the power of the only Christ.

Kansas Yearly Meeting.

Our hearts go out in loving sympathy to you, as we, through the reading of your Epistle catch a glimpse of the open doors of service before you and we adopt for you the language of the Apostle Paul. "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

We have been glad to hear that your Pastoral and Evangelistic Committee continues the work you have been carrying on for several years. This work is of peculiar interest, since it is not only the occupying of new territory, but an effort to restore the old waste places desolated by the troubles of nearly three fourths of a century ago. May success attend your labors till the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

Western Yearly Meeting.

We realize with you the importance of professing Christians "living in the power of our risen Lord." In this way only may we hope for the kingdoms of this world to become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.

We sympathize with you in the death of Calvin W. Pritchard. When our Father calls his workers home, it is especially necessary for each one of us to inquire "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" and as we go forth in the strength that he gives we shall realize of the promise being fulfilled "My grace is sufficient for thee."

The situation in Armenia is indeed a sad one and having sent some material aid, we commend our suffering brothers and sisters to his tender care who heeds the sparrows fall.

North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

With you we earnestly desire to have an active part in all movements that are for the uplifting and salvation of men everywhere.

To the Sick and Afflicted among our members:-

In the love of Jesus New England Yearly Meeting would send a message of cheerful and tender greeting to those of our members who are prevented from enjoying the associations and the services which perhaps have ministered to their strength and hope in other days, and who may often feel the need of some expression of Christian sympathy.

As we meet our friends at this time in the sweet fellowship of the Gospel, as we witness the loving smile, the cordial hand shaking, the cheerful voices, the kind words, and the numerous evidences of the beautifying, refining power of the indwelling Spirit, our hearts rejoice afresh in Him from whom all our blessings come. And then as our thoughts turn to dear ones who are deprived from entering with us into these joys, we long to bring to them some evidence that they, as well as we, are subjects of loving remembrance by the Lord's children. We believe that when the thought of your isolation presses heavily upon you, and when you imagine yourselves almost or quite forgotten, loving hearts are presenting you before the throne of grace, asking that the chastening which now seems grievous, may yield the precious fruits of righteousness, and prove a lasting blessing to yourselves and others. "Not a sparrow falls to the ground without your Father. Fear not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows."

If you have experienced the pardoning grace of God, and are seeking dilligently to please Him in all your ways, it is your privilege to appropriate the precious promise "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing," and to rest confidingly in His love. If your love to Him is supreme, you can derive comfort from the assurance "All things work together for good to them that love God." May you rest in Him and if it is His will to bring you out of your present trials, you may not frustrate that [illegible] loving faith; but that you may come forth as gold tried in the fire.

And if, on the other hand, a loving Father would

keep you beneath your present burden, for His own glory in ways you know not of, may your constant trust in Him, and your cheerful loving testimony to His tender care over you and His supporting presence with you be a means of grace to all who are brought within your influence, "Cast not away your confidence which hath great recompense of reward."

Many of us have passed, or are passing through losses, bereavements, sickness and various other sorrings. May you and we ever glorify our Father who is in Heaven, by an abiding, uncomplaining trust in Him that the world may see what a blessed refuge is our God to those who believe in His Son.

In tenderest Christian love we are your sympathizing praying friends

Signed in behalf of the meeting

John Ellwood Page
Alice W. Maxfield. } Clerks

To the Children.

Dear Children:-

We have been glad to see some of you at Yearly Meeting this year. You would all have been interested to hear the letter read at our missionary meeting from one of the little girls whom we are educating in Palestine. She is eleven years old and has been in the school six years. Her letter told us about the three Societies to which she belongs; one is a peace society, one a Christian Endeavor and the other a society where they learn to work with their hands, embroidering and sewing. Perhaps many of you have mite boxes in which you put a penny or two every week to help these children so far away, and we know you would want to help more than ever if you could have heard this letter.

We have also heard about the temperance work. One minister said the only safe way was for us to have clean hands and pure hearts, to touch not, taste not, handle not. We are glad to know that most of you have a

temperance lesson each quarter in the Bible School, and we feel sure that you will be strong for the right in this matter when you know so well how much harm is done by strong drink.

We wish you might have heard some of the beautiful and helpful things that have been said by our ministers and other Friends. They have told us how necessary it is for each one to give the heart to God, and to do it while very young, in order to live a pure and useful life; for no life without Christ dwelling in the heart is worth living. If we want to be strong, noble men and women, we must begin now to be loving, kind, gentle, pure and unselfish, which is Christ-like.

From New England Yearly Meeting of Friends,
Sixth Month, 1897.

John Ellwood Paige } Clerks
Alice W. Mayfield.

1898.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held in joint session at Newport Rhode Island beginning on Sixth day, Sixth Month 10th, 1898.

2. By reports received from our several Quarterly Meetings we are informed that their Representatives to this Meeting are as follows, viz:-

From Rhode Island - Eric Estes, Harriette D. Collins, Obadiah Chace, Susan Peckham, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Charles A. Chace, Augustine Jones, Joseph H. Atwater, Phebe S. Aydelott, A. Edward Kelsey.

From Salem - William O. Newhall, Cyrus Jones, Jennie W. Crosman, H. Elizabeth Jones, Daniel C. Maxfield, Olney T. Meader, Zillah Binns, Thomas Ward, Stephen Breed.

From Sandwich - William P. Macomber, John A. Macomber, Susan F. Hoxie, Mary E. Gifford, Philip A. Cornell, Anna G. Ward, Sarah F. Potter.

From Falmouth - Ezra Hawkes, J. Hacker Hall, Geo. H. Farr, John J. Frye, Lucy R. Goddard, Lucy A. Snow, Edward G. Ward, Alice W. Hawkes.

From Smithfield:- Sarah J. Swift, Mary A. Battey, Paul A. Randall, D. Wheeler Swift, William P. Pinkham, A. Edwin Phelps.

From Cassalbow;- Jedediah J. Garney, William H. Cates, Eliza P. Pierce, Geo. H. Cates, Alvano C. Goddard, Elizabeth K. Jones, Etta S. Cates.

From Dover:- John C. Nutter, Samuel Buffum, Geo. Irving Jenness, Almena B. Nutter, Almira B. Buffum, Emeline H. Tuttle.

From Fairfield;- I Warren Hawkes, Paul Wing, Hannah J. Bailey, Mary C. Hawkes, Augustus [illegible], William P. Winslow, Joseph E. Briggs, Mary W. Jones, [illegible], Mary G. Winslow.

From Parsonsfield:- Otis Meader, Mary L. [illegible], John B. Cartland, Elizabeth G. Meader, Silas H. Cartland.

Whose names being called, they were present except eight

3. It is concluded to authorize the Representatives from the Quarterly Meetings to fill any vacancies that may arise in their several delegations.

4. The Clerks are directed to send a telegram of loving interest and sympathy to our dear Friend, Gertrude W. Hartland, in her recent and severe bereavement.

5. Ministers from other Yearly Meetings, with credentials, are in attendance, viz: — Mary J. Hearn from New York Yearly Meeting; Mary E. Hughes from Baltimore Yearly Meeting; William E. Hartland from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Delia Fistler from Ohio Yearly Meeting; Barclay Jones from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Mary Nichols from Indiana Yearly Meeting; Sarah A. Kelsey from Western Yearly Meeting; Charles H. Stallen, from Western Yearly Meeting; Sam'l P. Morton from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Ezra H. Pearson from Iowa Yearly Meeting; John Henry Douglas, from Canada Yearly Meeting. The credentials of Sam'l P. Morton include his wife, Margery E. Morton, an Elder, who was prevented from attendance by illness.

6. The subject of furnishing our visiting Friends with returning Minutes is referred to the following Committee, viz:- Chas. H. Jones, Wm. O. Kimball, Mary B. Swan, N. Henry Wilbur, Hannah P. Ladd, Paul Wing.

7. The following named Friends are appointed a Committee to audit the Treasurer's account to the present time, to propose a Friend for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting also one for Treasurer of the Providence Boarding School funds and one for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, viz:- Charles A. Chace, Thomas Ward, Jesse McPherson, Melvin M. Bailey Robert P. Gifford, William C. Jones, John J. Frye.

8. Changes occurring during the past year have been reported by our Quarterly Meetings, viz:

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has united with the appointment of Elders as follows: Isaac B. Macomber and Anna L. Manchester, of Rhode Island Monthly Meeting; Herbert A. Slocum of Swansea Monthly Meeting; Mary N. Sutton of Providence Monthly Meeting Moses L. Coffington and Ellen M. Atwater of Greenwich

Monthly Meeting. It has also united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift in the ministry of Asa Edward Kelsey, and with Rhode Island Monthly Meeting in acknowledging a similar gift of Harry Hays.

The same Quarterly Meeting has appointed Walter S. Meader to fill the vacancy on the Committee for the revision of the discipline caused by the death of Charles W. Earle, and it has approved of changes in holding Meetings as follows: First-day Morning Meeting at Portsmouth Rhode Island, from 10 o'clock to 10.30; Providence Monthly Meeting from Providence to Saylesville, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth months 898, same day and hour as now.

Greenwich Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight from 11 o'clock A.M. to 2 o'clock P.M. on the day of the Monthly Meeting preceding each Quarterly Meeting, and the Monthly Meeting to be held on the last Seventh-day of each month at 3 o'clock P.M., at Greenwich and Anthony alternately, that at Greenwich coming on the even months.

Swansea Preparative Meeting from Third-day evening to Fifth day evening at 7.30 o'clock.

It has also approved of the action of Greenwich Monthly Meeting in establishing a Meeting for worship at Anthony Village, Rhode Island, on First days at 10.45 A.M. and on Fifth days at 7.30 o'clock P.M. together with a Preparative Meeting at the same place to be held at the close of the 7.30 o'clock meeting on the Fifth day of the week preceding each Monthly Meeting, such Meeting to be known as Coventry Preparative Meeting.

The members of South Kingston Preparative Meeting on Ministry and Oversight have been transferred to the corresponding Meeting of Greenwich.

John Babcock has been appointed Correspondent of South Kingston Monthly Meeting in place of Peter H. Collins deceased; address of Wakefield, R.I.

Salem Quarterly Meeting has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Jennie H. Crosman, Tacie P. Hawkes, Jr. John H. Crosman,

Deborah H. Crosman and Ellen C. Jones to the station of Elder, and with Weare Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Chloe A. Breed of Jenniker to the same station.

Guilielma C. Ward has been released from the station of Elder by Boston Monthly Meeting, at her own request.

Stephen Breed a minister has been received by certificate from Western Yearly Meeting to Weare Monthly Meeting.

The place of holding Weare Monthly Meeting has been changed as follows; First, Second, Third, Fourth, Seventh and Eleventh Months at North Weare; Fifth, Eighth and Tenth Months at South Weare; Sixth, Ninth and Twelfth Months at Henniker.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting informs that the Meeting for worship at Nantucket has been discontinued.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of three Associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting reports that Elijah Cook a minister has been received by Vassalboro Monthly Meeting by certificate from Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York. It has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of two associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Dover Quarterly Meeting reports that William S. Tuttle a minister of Dover Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership at his own request.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mabel M. Hoffman and Mary A. Hoxie to the station of Elder.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting has united with Parsonsfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary L. Cobb and William S. Weeks to the station of Elder, and with the same Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Thirteen Associate members

of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, also with Sandwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of six Associate Members.

9. Requests from Quarterly Meetings.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting requests the Yearly Meeting to change the apportionment of Representatives from the Quarterly Meetings so that in addition to five Representatives at large there may be one for every one hundred members or major fraction thereof.

This request is granted by the Yearly Meeting and the change is made.

Salem Quarterly Meeting requests that the place of holding the Quarterly Meeting in First Month be changed from Salem to Boston and that the meetings all begin at 10.30 A.M.

Also that the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight at Lynn and Amesbury begins at 10.30, at Boston at 2 o'clock and at Weare at 12.30. The requests are granted.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting requests that the Quarterly Meeting in the Fifth Month be no longer held at Northbridge, but in turn at Woonsocket, Worcester, and Bolton; in Woonsocket in 1899, Worcester 1900, Bolton 1901, and so on in the same order. This request is also granted.

10. We are informed that our several Quarterly Meetings have paid their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting stock to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeti

Statistical Report of the Yearly Meeting.

From Third Month 1st, 1897, to Third Month 1st, 1898.

Statistics of Ministers Elders and Associates.				Statistics of Membership.												Statistics of Children									
	No. of Ministers	No. of Elders	No. of Associate Members	No. of members reported last year	Error in last year's report — Gain	Error in last year's report — Loss	Births	Deaths	Received in	Moved out	Admitted	Retired	Gain	Loss	Present number of members	No. of children between 4 and 12	Number of children between 12 and 21	No. attending school taught or controlled by Friends	No. attending school taught or controlled by Friends	No. between 12 and 21 attending school taught or controlled by Friends	No. attending College	No. attending College controlled by Friends			
Rhode Island	21	24	34	903		9	7	20	15	3	39	16	13		916	87	84	131	20	15	6	2			
Salem	15	39	32	722		1	6	9	16	16	28	20	4		726	56	77	89	9	7	8	7			
Sandwich	14	15	69	507			8	12	3	5	1	1		11	496	42	39	39	13	8	2	1			
Falmouth	21	34	11	616			7	9	17	12	5	37		29	587	56	41	76	16	6	3	1			
Smithfield	9	25	21	300	5	5	1	10	2	5	5	4		12	288	17	16	31	7	1	5				
Vassalboro	17	43	31	466			2	9	2	8	20	6	1		457	22	36	46	25	5	1				
Dover	5	18	9	176			2	2			2	2			176	14	18	32	8	8					
Fairfield	12	36	24	676		3	5	8	3		51	8	40		716	50	58	64	6	5	2				
Greenfield	5	9	13	140			1	4		1	1			3	137	9	17	16	3	3					
	119	243	244	4496		18	33	83	58	45	152	94	58	55	4499	353	386	524	107	58	27	11			

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Names of Ministers (Deceased)	Date of Death	Age in years, or in what year of his age.	Monthly Meetings to which they belonged.
Huldah M. Bude	Eleventh Month 16th, 1897	87th year	Providence
Calvin C. Goddard	Eighth Month 4th, 1897	72d "	Falmouth
Julius C. Wheeler	Second Month 21st, 1898	65th "	Uxbridge
Zacchaeus Goddard	Tenth Month 20th, 1897	80th "	Vassalboro
Elizabeth H. Cobb	Fourth Month 25th, 1897	68th "	Parsonsfield
Names of Elders (Deceased)			
Charles W. Earle	First Month 20th, 1898.	71st year	Greenwich
Parthenia Underwood	Ninth Month 20th, 1897	78th "	Swansea
Geo. S. Gould	Eighth Month 12th, 1897	86th "	South Kingston
Peter H. Collins	First Month 6th, 1898	89th "	South Kingston
Hannah E. Chase	Sixth Month 27th, 1897	80th "	Weare
Matthew Barney	Seventh Month 17th, 1897	84th "	New Bedford
Stephen R. Wing	Tenth Month 21st, 1897	84th "	Sandwich, Mass.
Joseph Cartland	First Month 27th, 1898	79th "	Durham
Clara E. Webb	Eleventh Month 11th, 1897.	44th "	Unity
Albert Pinkham	Fifth Month 19th, 1897.	74th "	China
Hartwell A. Jenkins	Third Month 14th, 1897.	77th "	China
Mercy Jenness	Fourth Month 2d, 1898.	77th "	Dover
Erastus B. Adams	Third Month 27th, 1897	80th "	Sidney.

11. We appoint the following Committee to prepare a summary of answers to the Queries and present them to a future sitting, viz: Robert A. Gifford, Bessie T. Wing, George F. Yarney, George I. Jenness, Leslie O. Meader, Charles H. Thorndike, Ellison R. Purdy, William H. Cates, Mary W. Jones of Winthrop Center.

12. The Representatives are requested to present the names of two Friends from each of the Quarterly Meetings to constitute a Committee on Nominations.

13. The Nominating Committee is requested to present names of Friends for a Committee on Correspondence at an early session.

14. Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon

15. Four o'clock. The Meeting again assembled.

16. Thomas Wood, on behalf of the Representatives presented the following nominations, viz.:

For Clerk John Ellwood Paige; For Assistant Clerk, Daniel C. Marfield; For Women's Clerk, Deborah P. Atherton For Assistant, Emily M. Jones. Which nominations being severally considered were approved and the appointments made.

17. The Representatives also presented names of Friends to constitute a standing committee on nominations viz.:

Charles A. Chace, John F. Chase, Joshua L. Macomber,
Geo. H. Farr, Herbert H. Goddard, Alvan C. Goddard,
Geo. I. Jenness, J. Warren Hawkes, Silas H. Cartland
Susan Peckham, Zillah Binns, Elizabeth A. Gifford
Lucy R. Goddard, Sarah J. Swift, Ida C. Jones
Almena B. Nutter, Mary W. Jones, Will S. Weeks.

18. The Committee in charge of the Boarding School at Providence, presented their annual report, which was interesting and satisfactory, showing that the high standard of the Institution has been maintained.

Report of Providence Boarding School Committee, To the Yearly Meeting:

The school has maintained its high and [illegible]

istic record in scholarship and useful education. It has been, as in other recent years, greatly blessed in the remarkable exemption of its members from sickness which at times threatened it on all sides. It becomes every year more difficult, partly because of increased facilities in travel to restrain students from more frequent visits to their homes and consequent exposure to disease, and other evils, in going and returning. Our relations to the public high schools, and competition with them, from which children return to their homes every night, creates a desire in the minds of parents for the weekly visits of their children from the Boarding School. Their wish also for their attendance upon their own religious services First-day often contributes to the earnestness of parents in urging for their children special privileges in visiting. We are thoroughly convinced that the very best results would be secured by constant, uninterrupted attendance, excepting at the regular vacations of the school, if public opinion and our patrons were in accord with us. We are at present forced into a compromise to secure the membership of many children who would continue more thoroughly under the influence of the Institution, accomplish far more and be less exposed if their homes were so remote as to render visits impracticable.

It is certainly a noted event in the history of the school that, in the midst of business depression without a recent parallel, it has during the year been nearly full of students, its list of individuals numbering 240 in all, of different periods of attendance. This appears to be a larger number than has recently been in attendance. We think that recent improvements made in heating and lighting have contributed very directly toward the increase of members, and that all of the expense incurred has been amply justified by the results.

The religious interest in the family has been fully sustained, the entire family having been earnestly

concerned for the spiritual welfare of all being sincerely convinced that this is the most important consideration in human life.

There have not been this year so many marked changes as at other times in the buildings, furnishing subjects to report to the Yearly Meeting, but the earnest efficient work has not been less. We have in a quiet steady way been utilizing the improvements already made, which daily enter into our labor.

There is one great need of the school which is ever before us. It cannot, we are certain, be met for some time. It must not, however, be lost sight of. It is a worthy subject for donations and bequests. We refer to the necessity of a good gymnasium, which shall comport with our standing and position among schools. We have bodies as well as intellects, and every well appointed school regards the training of the body as of very great importance. The progress of every year makes this call more definite and louder in its appeal to the Yearly Meeting.

The number of scholars for the year has been:

Boarders	170
Day Students	12
Art Students	21
Total	203

Officers of Government and Instruction.

Augustine Jones, A.M., LL.B. Principal & Political Science
Philip E. Stanley, A.M. Governor and English Studies
Evelyn Barrows, B.S. Preceptress and English Studies
Thomas J. Battey, A.M. Natural Science
Mary E. Rawson Vocal & Instrumental Music
Sophia L. Pitman Drawing and Painting
Walter S. Meader, A.M. Higher Mathematics
Horatio B. Knox, A.M. Greek and Latin
Charles V. Jacob, A.B. Modern Languages
Helen L. Thomas, A.B. History and Literature
Charlotte A. Slocum English Studies
Carrie R. Thomas Primary Department
Eliza D. Gardiner Assistant in Drawing & Painting
Allen W. Weeks Mechanic Arts.

Joseph M. Morton, A.M.	English Studies & Calisthenics
Robert Bonner	Instrumental Music
Florence G. Dispeau	Calisthenics for Girls
Sidney R. Burleigh	Special in Water colors.
Gideon G. Congdon	Special in Mechanical Drawing
Bertha F. Tucker,	Tutor in German
Charles E. Cobb.	Secretary & Book-keeper
Mabel Stokes	Librarian.

Lecturer

Thomas J. Battey, A.M. Natural Science

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the school per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund, $75. Credit to a member of another Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting if selected by the School Committee, from the scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75. The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, of $10; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
William O. Newhall, Clerk.

Providence. Fifth Month 24th, 1898.

Note.— The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 14th, 1898, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 8th, 1899. Applications for admission to the school should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee Eighth Month 2d, 1898.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth Month 2d, 1898.

Applications should be sent to the principal: Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.

Statement of Providence School Accounts for the year Ending Seventh Month 1st, 1897.

Receipts

General Scholarship Fund	$5000.00	
Charitable Scholarship Fund	2100.00	
Stephen T. Olney Fund	1700.00	
Elizabeth Fry Fund	1500.00	
Eleanor Cattell Fund	150.00	
Philip J. Tripp Fund	150.00	
Students Accounts	34284.53	
Auxiliary Studies	3162.51	
Day School Tuition	741.00	
Balance (deficit)	845.40	$49635.94

Liabilities

Salary Account	$17,537.98	
Wages Account	11,474.75	
Provisions Account	12,190.22	
Repairs and Renewals Account	2818.05	
Fuel and Light	1663.38	
Water	875.22	
Advertising	1393.03	
Publications	387.60	
Library	281.60	
Papers & Periodicals	70.77	
Incidentals	574.68	
Debts Considered Bad.	368.64	$49635.94

J. H. Chace
Robert P. Gifford } auditors
Charles Sisson

Providence, Second Month 1st, 1898.

Report of the Real Estate Committee

To the Yearly Meeting;

The only sale of land during the past year was 1,376 square feet on Lloyd Street, at forty cents per foot,

which, with the surveyor's bill deducted, gave five hundred forty one dollars and sixty-three cents (541.63) This sum was paid to the Treasurer of the school funds.

The deed in escrow reported last year remains on deposit with balance due on the note thus secured $1560.00

By direction of the Committee
Robert P. Gifford, Clerk

Providence, Fifth Month 23d, 1898.

19. The Committee in care of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute presented their report, which is satisfactory, showing excellent results in scholarship and in spiritual growth and development. We wish to record our thankfulness for the funds which have been so generously donated to the Institution.

Report of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute
To the Yearly Meeting:

In submitting our annual report, we thankfully acknowledge the care and guidance of Him whose blessing upon our labors will ever make them fruitful in results, to the good of those under our care and to the glory of His name. As is usual in institutions of this character, the real work of the Committee has been largely performed by a few of its members but these have made frequent visits to the school and have faithfully looked after its interests. We have been fortunate in having a band of Christian teachers who, while faithfully performing the duties for which they were employed have taken an active interest in the spiritual welfare of their pupils. The whole number of scholars in attendance has been one hundred. During the spring term there were two mild cases of scarlet fever in the school which subjected it to the inconvenience of a brief period of quarantine, but did not materially affect the general results from the work of the term. Aside from this, the health of the school has been excel[illegible]

The religious work has been of deep interest.

Public meetings have been regularly held on First day and in the middle of the week, and several religious meetings of a more private character have been kept up during each term which have been very helpful to the spiritual life of the school. Among these may be mentioned a teachers' prayer meeting held weekly and a girls' prayer meeting held twice a week. At the close of the school year all the pupils in the girls' department with one exception were active Christians. A deep interest in Oak Grove School was manifested by the very large attendance at the chapel during the graduating exercises when a fine class of eleven, five boys and six girls, received the diploma of the school. We are again under obligation to our generous hearted Friend Charles M. Bailey, for the gift of $1,129.28, during the past year toward the current expenses of the school.

The officers of Government and Instruction for the past year have been:

Wilbur A. Estes, Principal	Languages
Mary B. Jones, Governor	Modern Languages
Harriette D. Collins, Preceptress	History and English
Sybil Stanley, B.S.	Mathematics and Science
Freeman H. Sanborn	Commercial Department
Jennie E. Reynolds	Elocution
Effie Trueblood	Instrumental Music
Julia B. Estes	Primary Department

Arrangements are not yet perfected for the coming year. Communications may be addressed to Principal Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, Me.

For the Committee

Charles M. Bailey, President

J. Warren Hawkes, Secretary.

Newport, Sixth Month 10th, 1898.

Treasurers Report of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

Receipts

Cash from Saml R. Buffinton, Treas. $279.86

Cash from Chas. M. Bailey		$1,129.28	
" " Board and Tuition		5,806.24	
" " Interest on Endowment Fund		561.53	
" " State Treasurer		400.00	
" " Cow and Pork		35.10	
Cash returned		6.00	
Rebate on Insurance		36.00	
Interest on Bank Deposits		.27	$8,203.80
Due from Wilbur A. Estes	$24.95		
Due from State Treasurer	400.00		
	$424.95		

Expenditures.

Balance due Treasurer on last year accounts	$[illegible].36	
Salary Account	2654.43	
Wages	735.12	
Repairs and Renewals	589.71	
Provisions	1488.77	
Books, Stationery and Printing	613.11	
Scholarships	372.93	
Fuel	590.9[illegible]	
Lights	123.98	
Incidentals	353.28	
Insurance	375.00	
Cash paid Trustees	93.20	$8,270.0[illegible]
Balance due Treasurer		$16.2[illegible]

Bills payable	$791.69
	16.20
	$807.89
Due the school	$424.95
Deficit	$382.94

Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer.

Sixth Month 10th, 1898.

20. The report of the Committee on Education has been read and considered. The scheme for the creation of a loan fund we hope may call out liberal contributions from our membership, feeling sure that the investment will be a profitable one.

Report of Committee on Education.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Education has not remained mindful of its duties nor of the magnitude of the cause for which its endeavors were to be used. While it may not be able to point to definite, immediate results, advice to several young persons who were undecided where to go has resulted in application for admission to Friends' School in Providence.

Much study has been given to promoting a plan for helping some of our young people to a fuller development of their gifts than is possible in their present condition. There are ready claimants for all the funds for educational purposes, held by the leading schools and elsewhere, and still we know there are unsupplied wants. The thought of the creation of a loan fund, which has been tried with satisfactory results in some other Yearly Meetings, culminated in the issuing of a circular printed in the American Friend, which, though it has not yet materialized in funds has inspired a feeling of interest in this direction, which time and further effort may develop into tangible form. The Committee has set aside from the funds placed at its disposal the sum of Seventy-five dollars ($75.00) as a nucleus for a loan fund for needy and deserving students.

A public meeting was held at Portland at the time of our last Yearly Meeting. Papers were read, replete with valuable thought and suggestion. Brief addresses on practical topics were given, which were timely and helpful. Our memory turns with grateful and affectionate appreciation to one who participated in the exercises, herself an apt pupil in the school of the Master, an educator in the best and noblest sense, both by gentle persuasion, example and the example of a pure and cheerful life, who has since been called into the unbroken presence of "Him in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

We look forward to the work next year with much confidence in the realization that "Truth finds a way."

John Edmund Paige, Chairman
Anna F. Hall, Secretary.

Sixth-month 9th, 1898.

Committee on Education.
Treasurer's Report.

Balance from former account	$65.99	
Received from Nine Monthly Meetings	33.69	$97.68
Payments.		
Expenses of Meeting in Portland	$10.00	
Typewriting and postage	2.00	
Applied to [illegible] fund	75.00	87.05
Balance on hand		$12.63

J. E. Paige, Treasurer.

Lynn, Sixth Month 8th, 1898.

21. A paper addressed to this meeting by the "Friends Anti Vivisection Association" of Great Britain has been read. Friends are encouraged to inform themselves upon this subject, and to act as their judgment may direct.

22. The Epistle from London Yearly Meeting for 1897, addressed to us, has been read.

23. Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

24. Seventh day morning the 11th, the Meeting again convened.

25. Epistles from London Yearly Meeting (1898) Dublin and New York Yearly Meetings, have been read.

26. The reports of the Gospel Committee and of the Church Extension Board have been read and jointly considered. We shall never have accomplished so much but that we could wish that more had been done; but, thankful for all that has been accomplished in these lines, we pause upon our membership the need and the blessed privilege of a thorough

consecration of mind, soul and money, to the work for which these Committees stand.

Report of the Committee on Gospel Work.

To the party Meeting;—

The work of the Committee during the past year has fallen far short of what we hoped to accomplish at the time of our organization. Many circumstances have conspired to prevent us from laboring in some of the most needy fields within our present limits, and some very promising new territory remains as yet unworked. Still we very gratefully acknowledge the unfailing patience and faithfulness of our loving Father in Heaven, and the readiness to bless the most humble effort that has been put forth in His name.

Until very recently we have been sadly crippled in our work for lack of means to meet necessary expenses. At present, as will be shown by our Treasurer's account, a small amount has accumulated in his hands, too late to be utilized in last year's work, but which will be available this summer. When will the Lord's people learn that it takes the whole Church to preach the whole Gospel? that consecration is not a sentiment merely but a fact? that all the gifts bestowed on the human family are, in the wisdom of God, intended to be exercised by the individual possessor for the benefit of the whole? that only as these different gifts are thus exercised and in perfect harmony each with all the rest, can we expect the Church to prosper and move successfully forward on her mission of love to the world?

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting. Frank E. Jones, Superintendent. All the meetings in the Quarterly Meeting have been visited. Seven series of meetings have been held. Meetings comprising them 73. Family visits 80. Thirty three conversions reported. Twenty professed [illegible]. Thirty-nine members received. Much effective work has been performed not under the care of the Committee. Many has been raised and expended for carrying on this — amount

not reported. Two series of meetings held at Newport, two at Somerset, one at each of the following places: Portsmouth, Saylesville, Tenthway, and Fall River. Pastoral visits not made, the care of the committee — 500 reported. Much effort has been made to open the closed houses of worship. We acknowledge with grateful hearts that God has blessed our work, and in four of the houses so long closed regular meetings are held.

Salem Quarterly Meeting. Chas. H. Thorndike, Superintendent. Number of meetings visited, four. One series of meetings held at Pittsfield, consisting of forty-nine meetings. Thirty family visits by Committee. Eighteen conversions. Two members received.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. William P. Macomber, Superintendent, reports several short series of meetings have been held consisting in all of fifty-six meetings, by which means the membership has been greatly helped and encouraged, and a general interest awakened in the neighborhood. In several cases the good results have been manifest and the work we believe has been carried on to the glory of God. Meetings visited by Committee, seven. Eighty-nine family visits made. Central Village reports ninety-six dollars and fifty cents expended in Gospel work. New Bedford reports seventy dollars, not passing through the hands of our Treasurer. Superintendent adds that ministers and workers have not been idle.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting. Ezra Hawkes, Superintendent. Four meetings visited without continuous service. Series of meetings have been held at Lewiston, Durham and Windham, consisting of sixty-five meetings. Family visits, forty. Number of conversions, thirteen. Professed sanctifications four. Received into membership, reported by Committee four. Funds raised and used in gospel work not passing through our treasury, one hundred and sixty-three dollars. Much work of private and public character has been performed by members of this Quarterly Meeting. Meetings in the interest of Bible Schools, of the Christian Endeavor and other gospel work have been held — fifty reported. Visits made by ministers and others reported, three hundred and fifty.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting. Salome L. Wheeler Superintendent. No official report of work has been received by Committee. Much and faithful service has been performed by resident [illegible] and others.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. Linwood W. Jones, Superintendent. Five series of meetings held, at Maple Grove, Weeks Mills, [illegible] Corner, Parmenter Hall and East Vassalboro. Meetings comprising them, ninety seven. Number of professed conversions, twenty five. Members received, eight. Seventy five family visits made. Two hundred and seventy six pastoral calls not [illegible] the [illegible] of Committee.

Dover Quarterly Meeting. Emeline H. Tuttle Superintendent. Seventy four meetings held besides those spoiled. Meetings held by the Superintendent in her own house [illegible] evening have been blessed to those who attended them, from twelve to twenty two in number, several of whom are not in the [illegible] of attending any religious service; these meetings have been seasons of blessing to the church at large.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting. Horace [illegible] Superintendent. Eight meetings visited. Six series of meetings consisting of one hundred and forty meetings. Eight [illegible] and twenty one family visits. Conversions and renewals, one hundred and two. Received thirty one [illegible]. [illegible] series of meetings held not under the [illegible] of the Committee. Pastoral visits, five hundred and fifty eight. Says in report from this quarter, "God has been pleased to bless our efforts and some frivolage is the result; we are gratified, but not satisfied with the [illegible] [illegible]."

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. Silas H. Cartland Superintendent. [illegible] series of meetings has been held comprising fourteen meetings. Forty six family visits have been made, forty-two extra meetings held with good results. Conversions and renewals, eighteen.

Your Committee acknowledge with gratitude [illegible] blessing on our work. [illegible] to you and to our [illegible], not what we have done but what we have [illegible] to do.

Summary

Meetings visited 25-

Series of Meetings	27
Meetings held	785
Conversions & Reversals	255
Members received	86

The Committee would urge that contributions for gospel work be sent to the Treasurer early in the year, so that the work of the Fall and Winter may not be hindered as it has been for the past two years. They also desire that the relative importance of the work of this Committee may receive the prayerful consideration of every living member of the church.

In behalf of the Committee
Charles H. Jones, Chairman
Carrie D. Collins, Secretary

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Gospel Work.

Receipts

Balance from last year		$131.01
From J. S. Anthony, Treas. R. I. Monthly Meeting		7.00
J. E. Paige, Treas. Salem " "		90.10
J. A. Davis, Treas. Amesbury " "		5.00
E. C. Ewer, Treas. Sandwich " "		3.00
W. H. Aldrich, Treas. Smithfield " "		18.70
G. B. Birdsall, Treas. Boston " "		52.90
P. A. Cornell, Treas. Dartmouth " "		12.13
R. P. Gifford, Treas. Providence " "		14.00
J. A. Gifford, Treas. Westport " "		22.00
Chas. A. Chace, Treas. Swansea " "		29.50
Eva M. Babcock, Treas. Uxbridge " "		56.05
H. E. Babcock, Treas. Bolton " "		2.90
A. W. Holmes, Treas. New Bedford Monthly Meeting		19.60
[illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]		3.00
[illegible]		12.00
[illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]		3.00
E. A. Bailey, Treas. Winthrop " "		20.00
A. C. Earle, Treas. Greenwich " "		6.00
		$526.[illegible]

Total receipts $[illegible]

Expenditures.

Cash paid out [illegible]

Balance in treasury $271.14

Joseph S. Briggs Treasurer.

Sixth month 11th, 1898.

Report of Church Extension Board.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Church Extension Board has given attention to the object of its appointment. There have been two meetings of the Board and several meetings of the Executive Committee since the Yearly Meeting last year. We have carefully and prayerfully considered the needs and situation of the neighborhoods from which application has come to us for assistance, and have given such aid and counsel as seemed to us proper. A special collection in behalf of the work of the Board was asked for from all the Meetings in the Yearly Meeting. Much interest in the work has been shown both by individuals and by Meetings. The amount received from special collection and from the contributions of individuals is $245.40. The amount expended is $177.50.

Applications have already been made to the Board to consider for the coming year the needs of the work at Sidney, Kalkaska, and Fairfield, Me., and Anthony and Warwick, R. I. The amount of assistance which we shall be able to render to any or all of these neighborhoods will depend upon the interest and generosity of the members of the Yearly Meeting. The work of the Church is one in all parts of the Yearly Meeting, and we commend in an especial manner to the prayerful consideration of all, the needs of those localities where Meetings have not suitable houses, or no houses at all, in which to worship, and those where the Meetings are small and feel their need of help to revive and sustain the work of the Lord as he would have it done.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin F. Trueblood, Chairman

Treasurer's Report Church Extension Board.

Receipts

W. H. Perry	$8.00	
Susan B. Kirby	10.00	
Chas. A. Chace	10.00	
Lydia Coffin	5.00	
Rebecca W. Davis	5.00	
Henry D. Swift	10.00	
Francis H. Inman	25.00	
Ellen K. Buffum	5.00	
Joseph E. Briggs	10.00	
J. T. Ficket	1.00	
D. Wheeler Swift	10.00	
Samuel Wheeler	5.00	
Mary W. Jones	5.00	
Louisa P. Hoag	.70	
W. J. Gifford	1.50	
E. G. Pearse	2.50	
Meeting at Fall River	2.56	
Meeting at Lynn	3.31	
Meeting at Boston	19.50	
Meeting at Westport	32.80	
Meeting at Newport, R.I.	3.88	
Meeting at So. Yarmouth	10.00	
Meeting at Lawrence	10.00	
Meeting at Bolton	2.50	
Meeting at So. China, Me.	4.00	
Meeting at Swansea	20.00	
Bible School at Tonic, N.H.	3.50	
Windham Monthly Meeting	3.15	
Falmouth Monthly Meeting	17.00	$245.40
Paid J. E. Farwell Printing	$4.50	
Work at Sidney, Maine	100.00	
Work at Anthony, R.I.	50.00	
Work at Warwick, R.I.	25.00	179.50
Balance on hand		$65.90

Thomas Wood, Treasurer.

Newport, Sixth Month 11th, 1898.

27. The answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a minute of that meeting, have been read as follows, viz:

Summary Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

1. With little exception we are diligent in the attendance of our Meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

2. We are not entirely in unity one with another and with the Meetings to which we belong nor are our labors for Christ quite as harmonious as is desirable

3. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

Minute of Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

While the Queries with their answers were under consideration the Meeting was introduced into a very deep and solemn exercise, especially as a measure of deficiency was noted in regard to some of the most vital qualifications for effective labor in the Master's vineyard. The assembling of ourselves together for worship must ever be held as a most sacred duty. While God can and does richly bless those whose hearts are right in His sight but who, under certain circumstances, are unable to meet with their Friends in public worship, yet this fact does not in any degree justify one differently situated in saying: "God can bless me just as well in my home as at Meeting, and therefore I will remain at home." Such as these are likely to miss the blessing of the Lord, for they have not placed themselves in the way to receive it. Great care must be exercised in these days of Christian activity that our standard of spiritual worship be not lowered by allowing purely intellectual attainments to usurp the place of a heaven-born message. The cultured intellect, consecrated to God and controlled by His Spirit, will ever be a most important factor in producing blessed results. True spiritual worship will always prove attractive to the people, and they will be found coming where such worship is performed. Even the unconverted detect the difference

fitness form and substance. The problem of successful work lies upon us. A diversity of conclusions does not necessarily indicate a lack of unity, but is frequently the result of our environment. Unity of heart and spirit is our birthright in Christ Jesus, which we are found to possess. So long as we are in living connection with Christ, we are in practical Christian unity one with another, even though we may not be able to reach in all things the same judgment. On moment, however, that the vital connection with Christ is broken, we begin to draw apart from one another, and to see faults and failings where before they were not apparent. When we discover in ourselves a disposition to find fault with others, it is always safest for us to pray very earnestly for ourselves that we may be preserved in that love that "thinketh no evil."

We were very forcibly reminded that as Christians we are all witnesses for Christ. To be effective witnesses we must know something in order to tell it; so we must know Christ in order to witness for him. A witness must also have a character to back up his testimony, and must tell only what is known. In a company of witnesses, while not necessarily using the same language in telling the same story, yet there must be no contradiction one of another, but that unity of sentiment in diversity of expression which adds force and value to the testimony. Above all in order to labor harmoniously and successfully in gathering unto Christ, we must all know of the baptism with the Holy Ghost, by which we are introduced into the experience of perfect love. This was doctrine very precious to the founder of the Society of Friends and to those who were contemporary with him. With hearts purified by faith and endued with power from on high, they like the early disciples went every where preaching the word. The hungry souls with whom they came in contact recognized at once the blessed spiritual meat thus presented to them, and gathering at the true table of the Lord were satisfied with the bounties of his love. The Church was placed in the midst of the sin and darkness of this world for conquest. So long as she was true and loyal to the

bridegroom she was victorious in the conflicts in which she was engaged. But when she forsook her first love she became weak and was torn both from within and without. All her inactive and unkind thoughts and acts are evidences that her connection with Christ has been broken. Under such circumstances it is impossible for us to be examples to the believers in word, in conversation in charity, or in spirit. Only by a return to our first love can we know the restoration of power and of that unity of spirit in which the church may become fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

Charles H. Jones, Clerk.

28. Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.

29. Met according to adjournment.

30. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions has been read. The report from year to year of the work carried on in Ramallah is always deeply interesting; but especially so the present year from the fact that the buildings and their appurtenances have so closely neared their completion, under the wise, efficient, and devoted management of our dear Friends, Timothy B. and Emma M. Hussey. We take great courage in the belief that the efforts being made in the mission work in that land will have an important influence upon the womanhood of that country — one of the surest signs of the permanent advance in Christian civilization.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

To the Mary Sutton:

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" seems to be the most appropriate motto for the last year's work at Ramallah. At the beginning of the year many misgivings arose in our minds, as we commenced the proposed additions to our mission building, fearing lest we should not be allowed to finish it. But "the good hand of our God" has been upon us, and to-day, with thankful hearts, we record the successful completion of the work.

The Committee [illegible] under the Divine blessing the success of the enterprise is due [illegible] and earnest

efforts of our Friends, Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey, who have been indefatigable in their labors on behalf of the mission; and now that they have accomplished their purpose and the building is finished and in running order, they are about to return to their native land with the reward of peace in their own souls and confidence and love of those among whom they have labored, and the hearty appreciation of the Committee of their noble work. Our Friends Wilfred and Della D. Rowntree, will assume the care and direction of the mission, ably seconded by Katy Gabriel, so long and so faithfully engaged in the work, and the corps of young teachers. We trust the Lord will continue to bless this effort to elevate and Christianize those who, though living in the land where His footsteps once trod, are still ignorant of His love and grace. The following detailed account has been received from Ramallah:

Ramallah, Palestine, Fifth Month 10th, 189

To the Foreign Mission Committee of New England Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends:

As we sit down to write our annual report of the missionary work carried on in Palestine by American Friends, our hearts are made sad by the tidings just received from across the great waters, that our beloved country is involved in war. God grant that it may be of short duration. All is now peaceful in this land, for which we are devoutly thankful, and we can most truly say, that our Heavenly Father has prospered our missionary work here beyond all that we could ask or expect. Since our last annual report, the long expected and much needed addition to the training home has been erected at a cost of $6,750. There have been built six hundred feet in length of split stone wall laid in mortar, and 250 feet of wall of common stone without mortar. These walls have been built very substantially, and where needed for protection eight feet in height, the average being five feet in height. Flat stone walks have been laid wherever needed to the amount of 1,600 square feet; 10,000 cubic feet of ledge have been removed to make room around the building; a channel 170 feet long by five feet deep for sewerage has be-

dug through solid rock, walled up and properly covered; grounds graded, terraces smoothed, gardens laid out, 7000 square feet of land purchased, pumps, gate, and other small improvements so numerous to mention. These together with the new laundry and storage building reported last year have cost $850. There are yet some changes to be made in the original mission house-water from the roofs of the new building to be conducted some 200 feet to the cistern, the former wash room to be lathed, plastered and fitted up as a "gate house" for the man servant, and some further work upon the grounds. These added improvements will consume some little time, but will involve but comparatively little expense. When these are accomplished we shall feel that we have a mission here which is a model in its appointments an object lesson to the people of the land, and an honor to New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many friends of the mission who have so generously given of their means for the work. Those whose contributions have gone in the regular channels to the Treasurer will have credit therefor in the Treasurer's report, and those who have aided the mission by sending their contributions direct to the Superintendent will be acknowledged here.

It is with grateful hearts we acknowledge the gift from John G. Lane, of bath-room fixtures and supplies, costing three hundred dollars.

From Richard Cadbury, for twenty-five wardrobes for the pupils at a cost of one hundred and twenty five dollars.

From the Haverford branch of the W. F. M. A. of Friends of Philadelphia, for school room supplies, guest chamber furniture, and for the education of children in the day schools to the amount of one hundred and eighty dollars.

From John Lemley and the patrons of his paper, The Lions Watchman, an additional contribution "for the work", one hundred dollars and a copy of Lion's Watchman for the year.

From Emma C. Swift the gift of a large sweet-toned bell.

From James M. Davis, who kindly allowed his travelling photographer to take without charge many valuable photographs of both exterior and interior views of the mission buildings, grounds and groups.

With funds contributed for that purpose we have subscribed for the Christian published by H. L. Hastings of Boston, the Youths Companions and the British Workman.

A nice reading room with chairs divans and table has been fitted up in the former dining room for the girls, and with the above reading matter is highly appreciated by teachers, pupils and family.

The officers and helpers in the employ of the mission are

Katie Gabriel, Head Teacher in the Training Home
Jennie Hishmeh and Amelia Malouf, Assistants.
Hannah Nuer, Teacher in Hope School, Ramallah.
Affeefie Faragella, Assistant part of the year in Hope School
Malakie Istfan, Teacher in North School, Ramallah.
Nazha Rodeslie Teacher in West School, Ramallah.
Lanya Gibran, Teacher in Jeffreys School.
[illegible] Kirdahie Teacher in Ophrah School.
Melanie Totah, Teacher at Ain Arish School
Martha Nuer Teacher of Cooking in the Training Home.
Nasief Kawar, M.D., Mission Physician.
Elias Audi, Medical Dispenser
Emilie Audi, Bible Woman
Nicola, Man Servant.

Our friends Wilfred and Della D. Rowntree, who have been with us the past year, learning the language and preparing themselves to take charge of the work as Superintendent and Bateman, have made themselves very useful in assisting in teaching English taking charge of the day schools and Bible school and have been very helpful in the Christian Endeavor meetings and in many other ways.

We have the present year in the Training Home twenty one boarding pupils and two day children, daughters of a resident missionary living very near our mission home.

As the benefits arising from the Training Home become more widely known many applications for admission are made and in order that the parents may better appreciate the privileges a small admittance fee has been required from all who were able to pay. In most cases this has been cheerfully paid and has proved a wise arrangement.

Of the fifteen girls who have been educated at the Training

Home since it was established, seven of them are in the employ of the Training as teachers and assistants, one is employed as a teacher by Jane Arnot of Jaffa, one went to Jerusalem to assist in a school for the Friends, four have married and two have returned to their parents' homes.

We have thus far been able to keep in correspondence with our graduates, and are thankful to be able to give a good account of them all. It is certainly a very encouraging feature in the work that all with scarcely an exception, who have gone out from the home are now engaged as successful teachers and workers or becoming the wives of worthy Christian men are capable of making their homes Christian centers and exerting in their home lives an influence for much good among their own people.

The Training Home continues to be our most hopeful work. There is at present with us a very interesting company of intelligent young girls. We trust when they have completed their course of study here, their ability to fill positions of future usefulness will compare favorably with those who have already graduated from the Home, and we are thankful to believe that by their gentle obedience to their teachers and their loving intercourse with each other, a work of grace is going on in their young hearts.

They learn a verse from the Bible every day, and thus [illegible] away in the course of the term quite an amount of scripture. In addition to careful daily instruction in the Bible and their regular studies in English, Arabic, sewing and house work as formerly, the senior class take regular lessons in cooking, thus dignifying labor and fitting them for usefulness in whatever station in life they may be called to fill.

First-day they attend the Friends' Meeting held in the village at 9. A.M. At 11 A.M. the pupils hold in the school-room their peace meeting conducted entirely by themselves which continues to be a model meeting in the character of its exercises and ease and parliamentary order with which it is carried on. At 8 P.M. all meet again in the village meeting-house for the Bible School which one hundred of the village children and adults attend. First day evenings pupils and teachers gather in the Mission parlor for a

social meeting at which time talks upon different subjects are given questions asked upon Bible history, Golden-texts recited and gospel hymns sung. This the time in First days though so fully occupied, is made very enjoyable and profitable and the day is looked forward to with pleasant anticipation.

The Christian Endeavor Society, embracing in its membership all the mission helpers teachers and training home girls of suitable age, is held every Sixth-day evening in the mission parlor, and is now led by a large number of the members taking in turn charge of the meeting. We believe these Endeavor meetings are occasions of blessing, tending to develop and deepen spiritual life, especially among the younger members.

Our three day schools in Ramallah continue to exert a great influence for good among the children of the village. One teacher says: "Some of the girls practice at home what they have been taught at school, are obedient and helpful and kind to each other." Another reports: "The girls told me that when others shout bad words at them, they do not answer, but say 'God forgive them.'" Many texts and passages of Scripture are committed to memory by the scholars, and they answer questions about the Bible in a most creditable manner. Much improvement can be seen in cleanliness and neatness. Some visitors remarked that they were the cleanest children they had seen in this country.

The three schools in Jiffneh, Ophrah and Ain Greek are also giving good results, and we believe they are blessings to those villages. The teachers hold meetings or Bible schools on First-days when possible, and visit the homes, to show their interest in the people and to encourage the children to attend regularly.

Medical Department

The arrangement with the German hospital at Jerusalem to care for our sick needing hospital attention, continues very satisfactory. In view of our mission being a "Charitable Institution" the charges for their services are merely nominal. We have sent them during the year

twelve patients, who remained for longer or shorter periods, and all recovered except one, Joseph Kishmeh, a Friend, who died in the hospital after a lingering illness.

Our Mission Physician reports that during the past seven months that he has been with us he has attended upon 1870 patients, many of these having been visited in their homes in this and the surrounding villages. He has made 138 surgical operations, mostly successful. There have been many cases of influenza among the children and bronchial pleurisy and pneumonia with the adults.

Mothers' meetings continue to be faithfully carried on by our Bible woman Emilia Audi three meetings each week being held in various parts of the village and are attended with much blessing. At an interesting meeting a few days ago where about fifty native women were present, an opportunity was given for each to repeat separately some chosen text of Scripture. It was beautiful to see and hear these women, as one by one they stood up and repeated without hesitation some favorite text, until every one present had rehearsed some portion of Scripture. Few of these women are able to read, and yet, through the advantages of the mothers' meetings, they are thus storing up in their memories the precious promises of God.

Homes are also visited, and not only the message of salvation carried to those shut in by ceaseless toil, but with ready sympathy the sick, afflicted and sorrowing ones are cheered and comforted, and the untaught mothers helped and encouraged in many ways to live truer and happier lives. Such work is sadly needed and would be greatly blessed in many dreary homes yet we find it very difficult to obtain native helpers who are suitable and qualified for this special work.

Meetings for public worship are attended by native men and women from the village, children from the day schools, pupils of the Training Home, teachers, mission helpers and the "stranger within our gates", making up a congregation of touching interest in its character. It is impossible to describe our feelings as we look into the earnest faces of old and young, thus gathered around us. An unspeak-

able longing fills our hearts that Christ's "lambs and sheep" may be truly fed, and those outside his fold be persuaded to commit themselves to the "tender Shepherd's care." The solemnity of these meetings and the earnest attention given to the presentation of gospel truth are evidences of Divine presence and power in our midst.

While every department of the missionary work has enlisted our warmest sympathy and interest, we have deemed it an added privilege to be used to accomplish the much-needed and lasting improvements which have been made.

We feel thankful to be able to leave the mission in a condition every way creditable to New England Yearly Meeting. Our mission is constantly drawing increased attention, and is being appreciated more and more by all classes and sects, Moslems not excepted, who visit it or are informed about the work.

We often wish that the dear members of New England Yearly Meeting could enjoy the privilege of looking upon this spot — these substantial mission buildings and pleasant grounds in the very heart of Palestine, which the Lord permits them to hold in trust for Him. And we wish all might realize more fully what a work the Lord has entrusted to them here, to educate and train for His service many of the daughters of this land. Surely he honors New England Yearly Meeting and means to bless her greatly by giving her such a strong foot-hold and such a work for Him in this land of sacred memories.

With love, respectfully submitted,

T. K. and A. M. Bussey.

Treasurer's Report.

Subscriptions received for Foreign Mission Work for the year ending Sixth Month 1st, 1898.

From	Friends during Yearly Meeting Week	$12.00
	Gulielma M. S. P. Jones	5.00
	Elizabeth Gifford (new Bedford) Support of Girl	65.00
	G. H. & A. L. Gifford by A. S. Murray	10.00
	Ellen M. Jones	11.00
	Anna and Lillian Evans	2.00
	Abby M. Harris	50.00
	Eunice [illegible]	20.00
	Martha Greaves, by [illegible]	10.00
	Ellen Collins	20.00
	Huldah Gifford	12.00
	Ellen A. Bruffum	25.00
	Mrs. Nathaniel Hobbs	10.00
	Maria T. Willis	10.00
	Sarah Hussey	50.00
	Mary M. Evans	10.00
By	Etta H. Johnston, from "Children's Band" at Belvidere, N.C.	5.00
	Etta H. Johnston, from "Children's Band", Augusta, Me.	5.00
	Etta H. Johnston "From a Tenth"	.50
From	Samuel Miles	5.00
	Elizabeth Bentz, for Ohio Avenue Meeting of Friends, Columbus, Ohio	5.00
	Susan M. Seabury	25.00
	Friends Sewing Circle, Maple Grove, Me. by Sadie S. Harlow, Secretary	5.00
	Myra Howland	1.00
	D. P. Atherton	5.00
	Friends at College Park, California	10.00
	Pupils at Friends School, Providence	35.25
	Sale of Articles from Rumschlag, by S. T. Thompson	5.00
	W. F. M. S. of Indiana Yearly Meeting, by Anna M. Robert, Treasurer	40.00
	Clara D. Willits, Moorestown, N. J.	10.00
	Maria P. Maxfield, by E. M. Jones	1.25
	S. C. S. for Bell for the mission including freight	70.58

S. J. S., the Amount Paid from Last Year's Collections for Windmill at Mission	103.81
Lizzie W. Swan, Mite Box	5.00
Charles C. Starbuck	1.00
John S. Kimber	20.00
Phebe S. Sherman, by R. S. Murray	5.00
Caroline Earle and sister Nancy E. Smith for Support of Girl	65.00
E. C. Swift Support of Girl	65.00
Elizabeth S. Fiske, Support of Girl	65.00
Peleg P. Akin	5.00
Lucy T. Kelley	5.00
Worcester Mite Boxes	5.10
William H. Perry	5.00
Interest on Permanent Fund	80.80
Interest on Deposits in National Bank	13.17
Donation from H. J. Bailey	300.00
Donation from H. D. Swift	200.00
By Susan H. Meader, Treasurer W.F.M.S.:—	
For Pledge	1195.00
From Etta S. Kates	5.00
From Elizabeth M. Hawkes	5.00
From Esther Jones	5.00
From Willing Workers Band, North Berwick, Maine	5.00
From Melvina Peasley (deceased) of Iowa Yearly Meeting	10.00
By Mary M. Post:—	
For East Side Mission, New York	15.00
For Lucy Carpenter	10.00
For Helen M. Aldrich	5.00
For Caroline A. Annable	5.00
For Caroline Smith	5.00
For Westbury Christian Endeavor Society	5.00
From Martha and Mary M. Post	5.00
From Monthly Meetings.	
Rhode Island, J. S. Anthony, Treasurer	4.00
Winthrop, E. A. Bailey, Treas.	31.00
Weare, L. H. Osborne, Treas.	1.50
Swansea, C. A. Chace, Treas.	44.10
Salem, J. Ellwood Paige, Treas.	97.01

Sandwich, E. E. Ewer Treas.	38.50
Maple Grove, Wilbert A. Harlow Treas.	8.00
Smithfield W. H. Aldrich, Treas.	31.00
Boston, Georgia B. Birdsall, Treas.	68.09
Providence, R. P. Gifford, Treas.	100.00
Westport, J. A. Gifford, Treas.	20.00
Sixbridge, Eva M. Babcock, Treas.	120.00
Bolton, H. E. Babcock, Treas.	18.05
Greenwich, Alice C. Earle, Treas.	21.00
Amesbury, J. Augustus Davis, Treas.	5.00
Cassadhus, Henry Tuber, Treas.	2.00
New Bedford, A. W. Holmes, Treas.	57.50
Dartmouth, Philip A. Cornell, Treas.	4.55
Falmouth, Ezra Hawkes, Treas.	11.25
	$687.95

For Support of Day Schools.

From W. F. M. S., of Purchase Quarterly Meeting, Amy L. Griffin, Treas. for Ophra School	200.00
W. F. M. S. of Foxvale, Mass. Mrs. C. E. Wilber, Treas. for Ain Areek School	150.00
F. M. Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting R. M. Brevitt Treasurer, for Jiffneh School	140.00
New York and Brooklyn Christian Endeavor Societies, by C. W. Lawrence, for Western School	150.00
Sylvester Aldrich, for Hope School	50.00
Jennie Allyn, for Hope School	50.00
Martha C. Swan and sisters, for Hope School	50.00

From Bible Schools.

Edgebrook, New Jersey, Bible School, by R. E. Allinson	5.00
Northbridge, by M. Abbie Wheeler	13.00
Woonsocket, by E. T. Read, support of girl	65.00
Smith's Neck, by Phebe A. L. Smith	5.00
New Bedford, Mary and Helen Seabury's classes	10.00
Casco, Maine, by Ellen M. Jones	3.75
Worcester, by Edith A. Roberts	15.00
Allen's Neck by L. Lillian Akin	10.00
Windham, by Summer B. Varney	5.00

Christian Endeavor Societies.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting of P.S.C.E. by Horace M. Hall	5.00
Worcester C.E. Society, by Willard E. Swift	5.00
Woonsocket Junior C.E. Society by B.V. Morse	5.00
Lynn, C.E. Mite Box by Mary S. Paige	3.00

Expended

Sent to T.B. Hussey Building Fund	5500.00
Sent to T.B. Hussey for mission expenses	3968.23
Paid to Building Fund amount borrowed last year	531.73
Permanent Fund in Worcester County Institution for Savings	500.00
Putnam, Davis, & Co. blank books	4.25
Telephone message	.65
George C. Herbert & Co. (printing 500 copies of Report)	10.00
Interest on Temporary Loan	4.78
Postage stamps	4.10
Blake Bell Co., for bell for mission & boxing	55.00
Freight on bell and ocean charges	10.53
James Carey, for geographies	4.20

Receipts, Sixth Month 1st, 1898.

Total amount received from all collections	$4,602.11
Amount brought forward from last year.	256.00
From S. J. Henley Legacy	300.00
Building Fund	5,500.00
Interest on Building Fund	282.92
Temporary Loan	2,000.00
	$12,941.03

Expended.

To pay Temporary Loan	$2,000.00	
Total amount expended	10,598.47	
Balance in Quinsigamond National Bank	342.56	
		$12,941.03

Total Amount of Permanent and Building Fund Sixth Month 1st, 1898.

In New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank Permanent Fund	$25,[illegible].00
In Worcester County Institution for Savings, Permanent Fund,	5[illegible]0.00

One Note on Interest 5 percent, Building Fund $500.00
In Mechanics Savings Bank, Executive, Building Fund 447.82
$3447.82

Sarah J. Swift, Treasurer.

81. The annual report of the Committee on Western Indians has been read and is satisfactory. Our missionaries among the Indians are very near to our hearts and sympathies in carrying on the work so closely identified with our Church history. May their hands be upheld in their self sacrificing labors.

Report of Committee on Western Indians.

Friends from the different Yearly Meetings on the Continent have been associated together in work for our native Americans for twenty-nine years. This year the Associated Executive Committee held its annual meeting at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind. on the 11th and 12th of Fifth Month. The reports from the field and the discussions which followed the reading of them gave evidence that our work is in a healthy and growing condition.

Monthly detailed reports have been received by the chairman of the Committee on Religious and Educational interests and sent by him to members of that committee in all the yearly Meetings, thus keeping us in close touch with those we try to help. Regular meetings have been held at the Wyandotte and Chilocco Government Boarding Schools and at other places as reported last year. In all these localities temperance lectures have been given by our superintendents George and Ella Hartley, who are well fitted to stir up the people to resist the evils of intemperance which so sadly abound among the whites as well as the Indians in those localities.

Our two Boarding Schools and seven Day Schools are doing well. Bible Schools have been held regularly throughout the year at eight Mission Stations. Seven other stations report Bible Schools at last of the year. Eleven of the teachers in these schools are Indians.

One new Mission Station opened. For several years our attention has been drawn to the Otoes, a tribe numbering nearly four hundred persons and located about fifty miles north of the Sac and Fox Mission. The work among the Sac and Fox Indians has been weighted by the constant visits of the wild Otoes and by the

returning visits of the Iowas, who engage in many of their heathen rites and ceremonies. Women Friends of Indiana Yearly Meeting expressed a willingness to co-operate with the Associated Executive Committee in the support of this new Mission, and D. Amos Outland and wife were recommended as missionaries by Indiana Friends and are already engaged in service there. Baltimore Yearly Meeting continues in the support of the Iowa Mission. Two years ago one of our Yearly Meetings withdrew from the work of the Associated Executive Committee, but this year we are encouraged by a liberal donation from the same meeting.

From the statistical report we find that 1,026 regular meetings have been held. This number does not include eleven series of meetings. Sixty-seven persons have been received into membership and 2,871 family visits made. Our work necessarily stretches over a broad field and our superintendents and missionaries are obliged to travel doing distances in the attendance of meetings and family visiting. Ten thousand miles are reported in connection with this work.

The Asentee Shawnee Indians in Oklahoma Territory are divided into two bands. Each band is called by the name of its leader, White Turkey and Big Jim. Our superintendents George and Ella Hartley, reside at Tecumseh, at what is called the Shawnee Mission, in the vicinity of White Turkey's band and near the Shawnee Government Boarding School. They are doing good work among these Indians and have the hearty co-operation of Government officials. Big Jim's band is truly heathen, and until lately his pagan philosophy would not allow the children to attend school. They have never had missionary or school privileges among them. These Indians are now located about twenty miles south west of the mission at White Turkey's and about the same distance south of the Kickapoo mission. Ex-commissioner T. J. Morgan had several interviews with Big Jim, and said it was not because he was a bad Indian that he refused all attempts to civilize his people, but because he was very religious, and his heathen philosophy shaped his life and there he governed; that when Christians persevered in teaching them the true religion of the

Son of God, these Indians would adhere to its truths as persistently as they now reject them. While Dr. Kirk lived several attempts were made to place a missionary among them, but our treasury was too low to admit of doing anything permanent. A few years ago, under the leadership of the late Dr. Kirk's widow (Rachel Kirk) the Woman's Maine Indian Association supported a returned Indian student for several months. This young man lived with Big Jim and became his interpreter. While there he translated several chapters of the gospel of St. John from the Greek into the Shawnee language, and made himself felt for good among the young men. However, he became discouraged, being obliged to live as these Indians did, with no Christian home to help near him, and left the field. He is now engaged in surveying land for the Government.

The burden of rescuing these pagans for Christ seemed to be laid on the hearts of the women of the Maine Indian Association, and they resolved to do what they could to plant a missionary among them. Accordingly forty acres of land was purchased and a three room cottage erected, painted and furnished with the most necessary articles. The stable has room for two horses and a cow, with wagon shed adjoining. Farming implements have been provided for the mission. A good well 90 feet deep yields a never failing supply of water.

A little over a year ago the Maine State Mission was ready for occupancy, and Philander Blackledge (a Friend minister) and his wife commenced work among these people. The Indians have been constant visitors to the mission. Seventy-two were present at Christmas. A recent letter from Carrie Blackledge informs us that one of the girls from the Kickapoo Mission (a full blood Indian) is with them and will remain a few weeks. She interprets for Carrie as she visits the Indians and sings some Gospel hymns to them and is a great help to the work there.

The missionary work of the Women's Indian Association is pioneer work. After a mission is well planted it is passed over to one of the larger missionary boards having work nearest who will carry it on. This mission work, with all its property has been offered to Friends, and is receiving the favorable consideration of the Associated Executive Committee. As the

mission was planted by New England effort and is now to be under the care of Friends, we trust it will be carefully guarded and nourished by New England Yearly Meeting.

We are sometimes encouraged with the remark that comfort time and patience have been extended when the Indians but those few who have watched their progress and understand the real difficulties are convinced that they stand as well and in some places better than the whites surrounding them.

In concluding we would add a few facts for our consideration. It is admitted that the believers in the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ (given to us more than 1500 years ago) are small in number when compared with the followers of the false gods. It is probably as true that the real pagans in our own land, men and women from under the very eaves of the sanctuary but (again all the same) are outnumber the Christian portion of the population. Out of more than 60,000,000, only about 12,000,000 whites are church members, which of the Christ population of 247,000 it is estimated that 80,000 are church members.

It is a remarkable fact that the large number of backsliding Christians in South Dakota are of the Indian race although the Indian population amounts to only 25,000 or 30,000, while the white population amounts to 850,000.

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings is $4,000. We recommend that $520 be appropriated for the use of the Associated Executive Committee.

On behalf of the Committee
Myra E. Frye, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Western Indians.

Receipts since the Yearly Meeting of 1897

From Amesbury Monthly Meeting		$3.00	
Bolton	"	2.14	
Boston	"	31.45	
Dartmouth	"	5.35	
Dover	"	8.00	
Falmouth	"	27.75	
Greenwich	"	3.50	
New Bedford	"	28.00	
Providence	"	20.00	
Rhode Island	"	7.00	
Salem	"	64.25	
Sandwich	"	29.00	
Smithfield	"	15.95	
Swansea	"	12.50	
Uxbridge	"	75.00	
Westport	"	10.00	
Winthrop	"	17.34	
			$360.23
From Manchester (Maine) Bible School		$4.00	
Worcester Bible School		10.00	14.00
Total receipts			$374.23
Balance from last year			53.17
Total			$427.40

Payments.

For Elizabeth Test Mission	$20.00	
Salary of W. P. Haworth to Tenth Month 1st, 98	210.00	
To Supplement Yearly Meeting's Appropriation	75.00	
New Mission Big Jim's Band	100.00	405.00
Balance now in Treasury		$22.40

Samuel Buffum, Treasurer.

North Berwick, Me., Sixth Month 11th, 1898.

32. Epistles have been read from the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Ramallah and the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western.

33. Adjourned to meet on Second-day morning at [illegible] o'clock.

34. Second-day morning, the 13th, met as per adjournment.

35. The London General Epistle for 1898 has been read, also epistles from Iowa, Canada, Kansas, Wilmington, Oregon and California Yearly Meetings.

36. The report of the Committee on Bible Schools, with its detailed account of practical work done in connection with this potent force in church activities, has been read to our encouragement and satisfaction.

Report of Committee on Bible Schools.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends;-

In presenting a report of the Bible Schools in this Yearly Meeting for the past year, it is with a feeling that all has not been accomplished that we could wish, and not so much as we hoped for at the commencement, still we feel that the interest is in the increase in Bible School work in many of the Quarterly Meetings, and that there are earnest, faithful workers doing all they can for the ingathering and upbuilding of the Master's kingdom in this branch of work.

At the commencement of the year a circular letter was addressed to all of the Superintendents asking them to call the officers and teachers together for a prayerful consideration of the work in their School, and that renewed effort and blessing might rest upon them; that the children might be brought to Christ and their numbers increased. The Quarterly Meeting Superintendents and Committees were requested to meet at Lynn, in the Eighth Month, at which time the work was discussed and Schools that had not reported for the past year, plans were made to visit and see if they could be helped in any way. Some of the work has been done with good results.

Schools. - We have 61 Schools in this Yearly Meeting; [illegible] report, for some are only Bible Classes, and [illegible] record of attendance. Fifty eight of [illegible] Schools have reported this year with a total enrollment of 3,162.

Collections. The collections have been, so far as reported, $1,985.19. Thirty six schools have contributed for missionary purposes $608.55, thus showing that the Bible Schools are becoming a strong factor in this work, and we earnestly call the attention of all the Schools to it that the children may have the opportunity of giving and learning to give to this great cause, and that more care be taken in reporting the finances.

Enrollment. - Of our enrollment of 3,102 members of the Bible School, only 1,407 are reported as members of Friends, or about 45%. New England Yearly Meeting has a membership of 4,500 and only 31.4% of this number are enrolled in the Bible School. Let us give these figures some thought and see if all is being done that can be.

Home Department. - One of the points to which your attention was called last year by our former Superintendent was the Home Department. Six schools report a Home Department, with a membership of 108, Boston alone having 93. We would recommend this branch of work and especially in Meetings where families are widely separated and many that cannot get out it affords the opportunity of keeping the shut in ones in touch with the school, and opens the door for visits from the workers and superintendents of this department. The grand aim of the Home Department is to enlist every member of each household in the Meeting in the study of the Bible. We hope this plan of work will be more generally adopted.

Primary Department. - Fifty two schools report a membership of 781, a gain over last year of 134, and 338 over two years ago, thus showing that the primary work is on the increase. No branch of the work needs more attention than this and none promises greater returns for the effort put forth. It is the seed ground for an abundant harvest, and we hope that our eyes may be open to this field.

Conferences. - No Yearly Meeting Conference has been held the past year. Some effort was made, but no place was decided upon and the matter was dropped. Reports show that Bible School Conferences have been held

in Rhode Island, Smithfield, Salem, Falmouth, Fairfield and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings which have been of much interest and well attended, showing a growing interest in the work.

Visitation — The suggestion was made last year that the best way for a Superintendent to render assistance to a school was to visit it. We have tried to have this carried out; have urged the Quarterly Meeting Superintendents to do this and in some quarters it has been carried forward, and we believe has been of great help and of interest to the schools. In Salem Quarter all the schools have been visited, and the Superintendent has spared no time or effort in the work. She has prepared and sent to all the schools in her Quarter, Peace-teams, which have been used, and good results may be expected from this movement. Other schools are earnestly requested to do the same. Visitation has been carried on in other Quarterly Meetings. We hope that every school will be visited this coming year by some one of the Committee.

New Record Books.— New record books have been sent to all of the schools, and we earnestly ask that more attention be given in making out the Quarterly and Yearly reports, and in answering the questions which are called for.

Library Books.— Two schools have been helped during the year in purchasing books for their libraries, feeling that we could help them most in this way.

One of the points I wish to call attention to is the relation of the church to the Bible School. That the Bible School has held too low a place in the past is evident to all. The efficiency of the Bible School depends very largely on how this relation is practically regarded. Without the school has to all appearance been too much regarded as a mere annex or attachment to the Church, practically independent in its organization. It is usually known as the Bible School connected with our church and such a Meeting. It is true that usually a few members of the Church carry it on. This is often done most ably and efficiently but the church as such has nothing to do with it. There is in the past

of the Meeting too little recognition of responsibility for its work or its support, and no definite purpose to work it for all it is worth, in accomplishing the most essential part of the work assigned to the Christian Church. When we remember what the Bible School is in its nature and purpose, what it has already become as a working force, and what it is adapted to be, when rightly regarded, it becomes very clear that the Church should adopt the Bible School as its most promising instrumentality in evangelizing the world. It is the distinctive business of the Bible School to make people familiar with the Word and the teaching of the Bible.

Its methods are suited to reach the people more universally and intimately than almost any other agency known. It seeks to take each one from the little child to the oldest attendant and bring him each week into close contact with some portion of Gods word; going in time more or less thoroughly over the whole Book. It does this by bringing a limited number of individuals into personal relation with a living teacher prepared to teach, and to teach about the Word, so that each shall become as well acquainted with it as possible. The Meeting should be interested in the securing of the most suitable person available for Superintendent, while the best teaching talent among its members should be sought out encouraged by all means and brought into service. The best and right helps for all departments should be placed in the reach of teachers and scholars. This action of the Church in thus adopting and providing for its Bible School is by no means the measure of what ought to be expected. Every member of the Church should be expected, and by all means persuaded, to identify himself with it, to become a member of it, active in one way or another in promoting its efficiency.

For the Committee,

L. M. Douglas, Superintendent.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Bible Schools.

Receipts

From former Treasurer	$16.25
former Yearly Meeting Superintendent	8.99
Salem Monthly Meeting	6.58
Boston Monthly Meeting	4.72
Providence Monthly Meeting	15.00
Bolton Monthly Meeting	1.60
Arbridge Monthly Meeting	7.25
Smithfield Monthly Meeting	4.75
Greenwich Monthly Meeting	6.50
Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	2.78
New Bedford Monthly Meeting	2.05
Amesbury Monthly Meeting	2.50
Falmouth Monthly Meeting	3.50
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	4.00
Swansea Monthly Meeting	3.10
	$159.05

Expenditures.

Expenses of Public Meeting at Portland	9.50
Express and postage	11.77
Printing circular letter, etc.	5.25
Books for Bible School at Northbridge, Mass.	10.00
Books for Bible School at Unity, Maine	15.28
Travelling expenses of Yearly Meeting Superintendent	5.25
Balance on hand	102.50
	159.05

Linwood H. Jones, Treasurer.

Bible School Statistical Report.

Key to Lesson Helps. A. Friends Publications. B. W. A. Wild & Co. C. Sunday School Journal, Eaton & Maine. D. Peloubets. E. Mrs. Kennedy's. F. Berean. G. David Cook. H. Blakeslee. I. Pilgrim.

Quarterly Meeting	Location of School	Local Superintendent's Name and Address	Monthly Meeting	Membership of School	Months of School	Average Attendance	No. of Friends	No. of Classes	Are Teachers Meetings Held	Volumes in Library	Books added during year		Lesson Helps used	Kinds of Papers used	Temperance Lessons	Peace Lessons	Is Children's Day observed	Amount of Collections	Amount given in Missionary Purposes
Rhode Island	Anthony	A. Edward Kelsey, Anthony, R. I.	Greenwich	69	6	32½	19	4		100	75		A	2	2	No	No	16.56	3.98
	E. Greenwich	Lydia E. Drinkwater, East Greenwich	Greenwich	12	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	A	-	--	-			
	Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner, 451 Durfee St	Swansea	93	12	55½	36	12	No	330	23		C. D.		4	No		116.04	39.52
	Newport	Winfield Sisson 335 Broadway	Rhode Island	76	12	37¼	22	6	No	312	88		B, C.	2	4		Yes	64.78	11.15
	Portsmouth	Fred Holman, Portsmouth, R. I.	Rhode Island	76	12	32¾	55	7	Yes	300	No		B		No	No	No	21.55	6.00
	Providence	Robert P. Gifford, Providence, R. I.	Rhode Island	B. Class															
	Saylesville	Thomas Y. Jackson, Lime Rock, R. I.	Providence	64	12	35	34	5					A	1	4		Yes	34.40	21.76
	So. Somerset	Ralph Earle, Dighton, Mass.	Swansea	117	12	57½		9	Yes		20		A. B	3	2		Yes	57.48	8.94
	Freetown	Naomi Chase, Assonet, Mass	Swansea	20	12	17	4	3	No	100	50			1				13.23	
Salem	Amesbury	Daniel C. Nearfield, Amesbury	Amesbury	65	12	34	43	6	No	275	5		A, E. D.	4	1	1	No	43.89	7.47
	Boston	Thomas Wood, 215 State St. Boston	Boston	76	12	53	44	9	Yes	300	No		D.	1			Yes	95.52	8.01
	East Lynn	Chas. E. Bishop, 40 Ireson Ave. Lynn	Salem	205	12	118	36	22		333	99		H. D.	1	2	1	Yes	91.11	11.10
	Henniker, N. H.	Nathan P. Buxton, Henniker, N. H.	Weare	26	12	19	14	3		150			I	2	4	1	Yes	33.11	7.30
	Lawrence	Stephen Swett, Ayers Village, Mass	Boston	123	12	89¼	72	8	Yes	400	No		A	1	4	2	No	194.00	9.00
	Lynn, Mass	Geo. C. Herbert 17 Chatham St, Lynn	Salem	113	12	62	51	12	No	893	16			3	—	1	Yes	81.13	20.71
	North Weare	Lindley H. Farr, Weare, N. H.	Weare	26		13	23	3		520			D	1	4	1	No	17.12	6.20
	Salem	I. E. Bliss, Box 239, Salem Mass	Salem	24	12	17½	21	3	No	90	No		A	4		1	No	18.66	
	So. Pittsfield	Albert N. Peaslee, So. Pittsfield, N. H.	Amesbury	62	12	40	13	5	No	130	10		A, G	3		1	No	58.70	[illegible]
	Epping			B. Class															
	Clinton Grove	Annie S. Breed, Clinton Grove, N. H.	Weare	11	7		2	2		260	No								.60

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Quarterly Mtg	Location of School	Local Superintendent's Name and Address	Monthly Meeting	Membership of School	Number of School	Average Attendance	No. of Scholars	No. of Teachers	Are Teachers Members of Meeting?	Volumes in Library	Borrowed during year	Lesson Helps used	Kinds of Papers used	Conferences held	Class Leaders	Is Bible School held 19 hrs. per week?	Amount of Collections	Amount of time for ministerial purposes
Sandwich	Allens Neck	E. Lillian Akin, Dartmouth, Mass.	Dartmouth	49	12		24	4	No			D	2	4		No		
	Smiths Neck	Elbridge L. Franco, So. Dartmouth, Mass	Dartmouth	48	10½	29½	20	5				G.	2	4			18.85	6.12
	Central Village	John E. Macomber, Central Village, Mass	Westport	44	12	23	36	3					1			No	34.37	31.40
	Hoppe Island	Mary E. Gifford, Central Village, Mass	Westport	28	10	14½	3	3	No	100	No	D	1	No	No	No	11.12	
	Long Plain	Richard Davis, Long Plain, Mass.	New Bedford	35	12	16	22	3	No	450	10	a	1	1	2	No	10.00	13.00
	Acushnet	Adelaide V. Miller, Acushnet, Mass	New Bedford	5	12	8	8	1	No			a	4	4		No		
	New Bedford	Nathaniel H. Gifford, New Bedford, Mass	New Bedford	93	12	53	49	9		530			2			No	45.23	15.72
	North Fairhaven	Joshua L. Macomber, E. Mattapoisett, Mass	New Bedford	30	12	15½	7	3	Yes	063	15	a	3	12	2	No		
Cumberland	Casco, Me	W. Alfred Merrill, Casco, Me.	Windham	18	12	7	4	2	No	78	2	a		No	No	No	4.11	3.70
	Gering, Me	Ann D. Hacker, Westbrook, Me	Falmouth	28	12	16½	20	3	No	202		D	4			No	3.45	3.50
	So. Durham	Sarah D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me	Durham	40	12	26	10	4	No	175	No	D	1			No	11.50	2.90
	Lewiston, Me	Lewis S. Ware, Lewiston, Me.	Lewiston	65	12	41	39	5	No	274	7	a	1	4		Yes	57.41	
	Portland, Me	Geo. M. Bailey, 95 Middle Street	Falmouth	123	12	85½	75	9	No	342	28	a	3	4	No	No	147.38	44.20
	So. Durham	Geo. E. Goodwin, So. Durham, Me.	Durham	82	12	44	32	7	Yes	218		a	1	4		Yes	104.97	18.65
	Windham	William Dartland, Windham Ctr.	Windham	60	12	28		5		333	10						11.00	5.00
Smithfield	Bolton, Mass	Alfred Dix, Bolton, Mass.	Bolton	84	12	33	32	6	No	320	3	D	4	4	No	Yes	28.15	6.05
	Lancaster	E. Herbert Willard, 4 Charlotte St.	Uxbridge	42	12	25½	30	3	No	375	10	a	2	—			42.75	6.00
	Northbridge	J. C. Letherbee, Uxbridge, Mass.	Uxbridge	30	12	24	4	3	No	272	39	a	4	No	No	Yes	23.19	10.85
	Smithfield	Thomas J. Read, Nonquoquit, R.I.	Smithfield	176	12	79	18	10	No	351	22	a	21	3	No	No	117.99	60.00

Quarterly Meeting	Location of School	Local Superintendents Name and Address	Monthly Meeting	Membership of School	Months of School	Average Attendance	No. of Friends	No. of Classes	Are Teachers Meetings held?	Volumes in Library	Volumes added during year	Lesson helps used	Kinds of Papers used	Temperance Lessons	Peace Lessons	Is Children's Day Observed?	Amount of Collections?	Amount given for missionary purposes
Vassalboro	Lake View, China	Julia A. Small, South China, Me.	China	48	12		21	4		80							11.37	
	E. Vassalboro	Annie M. Priest, E. Vassalboro, Me.	Vassalboro	55	12	28	38	5	yes		18	B	1	4		yes	12.03	5.22
	South China	H. W. Austin, So. China, Me.	China	77	12	42½	64	0	No	117	33	A	2	4	4	yes	18.77	
	Unity	Reuel Willey, Unity, Me.	Unity	37	12			4		60	56	G	1				9.00	
	Maple Grove	Wm. P. Carney, Fort Fairfield, Me.	Maple Grove	38	12	-	11	3		100		B	1				6.27	.30
	China Neck	Ida S. Jones, China, Me.	China	15	3	14	15	3	No								1.31	
Dover	Dover	Frank R. Ricker, 32 Mt. Vernon St.	Dover	23	12	16	16	2	No	251	No	A. D.	-	No	No	No	22.09	15.00
	Gonic	Annie E. Moulton, Gonic, N. H.	Dover	40	12	28⅞	28	4	No	224	27	A,	3	4	No	No.	68.44	24.00
	Meaderboro	Otis Meader, Rochester, N. H.	Dover	35	12	16	17	3	No	----	No	G.	2	No	No	No.	19.81	
	No. Berwick	William T. Hussey, No. Berwick, Me.	Berwick	6	12	5	6	1										
Fairfield	Augusta	James Plummer, Winthrop St.	Winthrop	39	12	28½	10	4	...	84	4	B. D. E.	2	--	--	No	17.76	--
	Hallowell	Geo. F. Morse, Hallowell, Me	Winthrop	38	12	19	12	3	----	---	--	A	2	--	--	---	8.26	---
	Manchester	Alfred W. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.	Winthrop	42	12	25	26	4	---	125	---	A	3	3	No	No	13.07	8.08
	North Fairfield	Geo. B. Wing, North Fairfield	Sidney	38	12	17	17	5	--	150	---	B	--	--	--	--	6.28	--
	Ctr. Sidney	Chester G. Freeman, West Sidney	Sidney	33	12	17	12	4	----	332	----	---	--	4	--	--	8.20	1.14
	St. Albans	Ulysses G. Harding, St. Albans	St. Albans	30	12	18¾	24	3	No	92	No	A	2	4	No	No	5.25	----
	Winthrop Ctr.	C. Irving Bailey, Winthrop	Winthrop	132	12	87	70	11	Yes	384	No	D	3	4	1	No	153.01	110.21
	W. Gardiner	John Pinkham, W. Gardiner	Winthrop	45	12	20	17	4	----	----	---	F.	---	—	---	No	---	---
Parsonsfield	E. Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland, E. Parsonsfield	Parsonsfield	53	12	33	32	-	No	275	11	A	1	--	---	No.	14.00	--
	W. Sandwich	Ira B. Tilton, Wonalancet, N.H.	Sandwich	32	12	25	26	3	No	----	---	A.	1	--	---	No	14.00	--

37. The Committee on Finance presented their report with tabulated statement, which is satisfactory.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The year shows a gain in the contributions to five of the Committees carrying on the benevolent work of the Yearly Meeting, so that, although the contributions to the others have fallen off a little, yet the sum total is about $100 more than last year. In the case of one committee the treasurer has been so successful in his appeals that he has not only secured nearly $50 more from the Monthly Meetings than last year, but has received contributions from individuals besides, sufficient to make his total receipts a little more than the amount named in last year's circular. This shows the advantage of each Treasurer pressing the cause in which he is interested persistently upon the Monthly Meetings. The Monthly Meetings of Boston, Westport and Uxbridge continue to exceed their quotas, while no contributions are reported from Durham, Lewiston, Unity, Berwick, Sidney, St. Albans, Paramsfield, and Sandwich, N. H. No contributions from So. Kingston appear in the table, but a contribution from one of the members was forwarded through the Financial Secretary to one of the Committees.

In accordance with minute 52 of 1897, we recommend the same apportionment of Yearly Meeting expense among our Quarterly Meetings as last year, which is as follows:

Rhode Island	22¼ %	Salem	18½ %	Sandwich	20¼ %
Falmouth	5¾ %	Smithfield	6¼ %	Vassalboro	5½ %
Dover	4 %	Fairfield	12½ %	Paramsfield	2 %

The following is the tabulated statement:

Contributions received through the Treasurers of the Monthly Meetings, by the Envelope System towards the Benevolent work carried on by the Yearly Meeting.

Monthly Meetings	Gospel Work	Foreign Missions	Western Indians	Freedmen	Bible School Work	Suppression of Liquor Traffic	Education	Peace	Total	Amount called for
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting										
Rhode Island	$7.00	$4.00	$7.00	$4.00		$3.00			$25.00	$467.50
Portsmouth	6.50	21.00	3.50	2.00	6.50	2.55	3.55	1.50	47.10	66.75
Swansea	29.50	44.00	12.50	4.50		8.30	1.00	1.00	100.80	373.80
Providence	14.00	105.00	20.00	42.00	15.00	16.00	5.00	8.00	225.00	373.80
S. Kingston										
Salem Quarterly Meeting.										
Salem	90.10	97.51	64.25	44.45	16.58	20.13	7.36	13.85	354.23	588.30
Amesbury	5.00	5.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	2.00			18.00	222.00
Weare	3.00	1.50							4.50	188.70
Boston	52.90	68.09	31.45	9.43	4.72	6.29	2.53	6.29	181.70	111.00
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting.										
Sandwich, Mass	3.00	38.50	29.00	24.00		6.00	2.00	4.00	106.50	182.25
Dartmouth	12.13	4.55	5.35		2.78	2.68			27.49	121.50
Westport	22.00	20.00	10.00	5.00		10.00		14.00	81.00	72.90
New Bedford	19.60	57.50								
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting										
Falmouth	8.50	11.25	27.75	4.50	3.50	3.66	3.67		62.83	231.00
Dorham										131.25
Windham						1.00			1.00	110.25
Lincoln										52.50
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.										
Smithfield	18.70	31.00	15.95	4.75	4.75	9.05	1.33	3.50	89.03	165.00
Adelphia	56.05	120.00	75.00	27.50	7.25	6.80	7.25	10.50	310.35	168.75
Boston	2.90	18.05	2.14	1.55	3.12	1.10			28.86	41.25

Monthly Meetings	Gospel Work	Foreign Missions	Western Indians	Freedmen	Bible School Work	Suppression of Liquor Traffic	Education	Peace	Totals	Amount called for
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting										
Vassalboro	3.50	3.50				2.00			7.00	165.00
China	9.00					.55			9.55	115.50
Unity										49.50
Maple Grove		8.00							8.00	
Dover Quarterly Meeting										
Dover			8.00						8.00	144.50
Berwick										96.00
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting										
Sidney										150.00
Winthrop	32.00	81.50	17.34	1.00		10.00			91.34	562.50
St. Albans										37.50
Farmington Quarterly Meeting.										
Farmington										80.00
Lindenwold N.J.										40.00
Totals	394.88	687.95	360.23	195.68	68.25	113.71	33.69	62.04	1,917.03	6,000.00
Last year.									1,817.03	

For the Finance Committee

D. P. Atherton, Secretary.

Newport, Sixth Month 13th, 1898.

38. The Clerks are directed to procure the printing of the usual number of minutes of this Meeting, with a directory corrected to date. Also a reprint of the usual number of copies of the London General Epistle for 1898.

39. Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

40. Afternoon. Met according to adjournment.

41. The report of the Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic has been read. The magnitude of the evil which the friends of temperance have to contend with is appalling, and requires a patience

and a persistency that can come only from faith in God. We desire the encouragement of the Committee. It is concluded to appoint delegates to the National Temperance Congress at Staten Island in Seventh Month next. The selection of such delegates is referred to the Nominating Committee.

Report of the Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

By information obtained from the reports of the Superintendents of the different Departments in the several Quarterly Meetings we present the following account of the work accomplished by our Committee in the cause of the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

The chairman of the Committee reports that in Rhode Island Quarter considerable literature has been circulated and Temperance has been the theme of several discourses in the Meeting and Bible School. Four lectures have been given where Sewall's charts have been used.

The Superintendent of the Lecture Department informs us that a lecture in the interests of Temperance has been given at each of our Yearly Meeting Boarding Schools, viz. Providence and Vassalboro. Public meetings have been held and lectures given at Lynn and East Lynn, in Salem Quarter, and also at East Vassalboro, South China, Augusta, Winthrop, West Gardiner, Portland, and Vassalboro, in Fairfield and Falmouth Quarters. Temperance sermons have been preached in nearly all the Quarterly Meetings comprising our Yearly Meeting, and much literature has been distributed and other personal work done to promulgate Temperance principles.

The report from the Superintendent of Literature shows that 16,000 pages of literature have been purchased and circulated by the Committee; also two sets of Sewall's charts illustrating the effects of alcohol upon the digestion.

Papers and leaflets have been sent to jails, houses of correction, county alms houses, Home for Friendless Girls and to children in the neighborhood. In Smithfield Quarter a public temperance meeting has been held and charts used for the instruction of the children.

In Sandwich Quarter at Mattapoisett, there have

been three public Temperance meetings held, and four concerts given. Sewall's charts have been used in several of the Schools with careful and thorough explanation of the same.

In New Bedford, an interesting lecture was given in the Friends' Meeting House, by George Wood, of North Carolina. Much temperance literature has been distributed in our own Bible School also in two other schools, in a Mission Sabbath School and at Mothers Meetings. Friends have for some years freely given the use of their Meeting House to the W. C. T. U., in which to hold their business meetings twice in each month, which kindness is fully appreciated by the members of the Union. Many Friends are members of this organization in various parts of the Yearly Meeting, and are actively engaged in Temperance work. Our own society is comparatively free from the use of intoxicants but we earnestly deplore the influence of the great evil that fills not only the home of the poor with misery but brings grief and despair to the hearts of numberless wives and mothers, who mourn unspeakably the temptations placed before their loved ones.

The loss which not only the W. C. T. U., but the whole world has sustained in the removal of the noble consecrated leader of the Temperance cause, Frances E. Willard, cannot be put into words. One has said of her "The results of her life work can never be told until we gather on the resurrection morning, and while we bow in sorrow and offer our tribute to the noble life and work of this woman warrior fallen in the fight, may we earnestly pray that the influence of that life may inspire us to deeds of greater kindness and to a sense of deeper consecration to God and country."

One of our own members has written a beautiful tribute to her memory, a part of which we quote.

"Rest from thy holy work! Thy more than golden crown
Is worn to-day.
White on thy bier, like fleecy snowflakes floating down,
Our thanks we lay.
Alas! and who from all the mighty white-badged throng
Thy place may fill?
Who bear along the message of that [illegible] tongue
Forever still?

Arm thy gran. we pledge the work to thee to dear;
Shall yet go on,
No armor cast aside; until like thee we hear
The sweet "Well done!"

Mary C. Baylis, Secretary.

Note. The Committee requests the Yearly Meeting to appoint a delegation of five from the Yearly Meeting to attend the National Temperance Congress to be held at Prohibition Park, on Staten Island, New York, from the 1st to the 6th inclusive of Seventh Month, 1898.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

Receipts

Balance from last year	$25.21	
Received from 19 Monthly Meetings	113.71	
		$136.92

Expenditures.

Paid on account of lectures	$72.50	
Paid on account of literature	30.00	
Balance on hand	34.42	
		$136.92

Respectfully submitted,
Elisha T. Read, Treasurer.

Woonsocket, R. I. Sixth Month 9th, 1898.

Note:- For a detailed report of receipts from Monthly Meetings see report of Financial Secretary.

42. The Committee on Freedmen has presented its report. The claim of the work under the care of this Committee is commended to the interest and liberality of Friends. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of the Committee on Freedmen.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

Maryville Institute has had an enrollment of nearly as many scholars and teachers as has been reported in recent past years. The benefits of the George Sturge Fund in aiding those of the Training Class [illegible]

been appreciated and the applicants for next year evidence a lively interest in the department of education which the donor of this fund encouraged. It is understood that assistance from the income of this fund furnishes the much smaller part of the expenses for the students in the training school. As trustees of this benevolence, our efforts cannot be reasonably lessened and we have cause to remember with thankfulness the sacrifices made by the principal, Lettie H. Garner in continuing her labors of Christian love and usefulness to sons and daughters of the Freedmen.

The usual appropriation of $500 by the Yearly Meeting together with liberal offerings from the Monthly Meetings are earnestly solicited.

Robert P. Gifford, Secretary.

Financial Statement

Receipts.

Yearly Meeting appropriation	$500.00
Offerings from Monthly Meetings	195.68
Henry Camp Fund income	68.50
Donation of a Friend for special purpose	20.00
Other donations	103.00
Trustees of the George Sturge Fund	1459.85
	$2,347.03

Expenditures.

Paid for aid to students on the Geo. Sturge Fund	$1,459.85
Paid for repairs	80.00
Paid for new iron bedsteads	20.00
Paid L. H. Garner on service account	767.18
	$2,347.03

Robert P. Gifford Treasurer.

Note.— For statement of Monthly Meeting offerings see report of Financial Secretary.

45. The Trustees of the George Sturge, Henry Camp and B. F. Rowe Funds presented their statement as follows viz:—

The Annual Report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, Benjamin F. Knowles and Henry Camp Funds.

Financial Statement.

George Sturge Fund

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$30.95	
Coupons paid Seventh Month 1st, 1897.	727.50	
Coupons paid First Month 1st, 1898.	727.50	
Interest on deposit	17.47	
		$1,503.42

Expenditures.

Assisting students during the school year 1897-1898	$1,459.85	
Rent of Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit	10.00	
Balance for new account	33.57	
		$1,503.42

Benjamin F. Knowles Fund.

Deposited in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Company, Eleventh Month 1890.	$283.15	
Cash added Twelfth Month 28th, 1897.	6.00	
Accrued interest to Fifth Month, 1898	14.64	
		$303.79

Henry Camp Fund.

Receipts.

Interest on new mortgage for $1000	$68.50	

Expenditures.

Paid Committee on Freedmen, Ninth Month 14th, 1897.	$34.25	
Paid Committee on Freedmen Fifth Month 9th, 1898	34.25	
		$68.50

On behalf of the Trustees,

Augustine Jones,

James H. Chace.

Sixth Month 1st, 1898.

44. The Committee on Revision of the Discipline report as follows, and is continued:

Report of Committee on Revision of the Discipline

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Revision of the Discipline held a meeting at Lynn last Eighth Month and appointed several sub-committees to consider the different sections of the Discipline and also certain special subjects. A meeting was held at Providence in the Second Month, at which it was expected some progress in the work would be reported. We were united in the conclusion that a revised Discipline is necessary, but the action of the Indianapolis Conference in appointing a committee to consider the preparation of a uniform Discipline to be submitted to all the Yearly Meetings made many members think it best to wait a while before performing the duties assigned to them. We have since been informed that the draft of this general Discipline will probably be ready for examination by Ninth Month next. On this account we have nothing to report at this time.

For the Committee,

Charles H. Jones, Chairman

D. Pritchett, Secretary.

45. Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

46. Third day morning, the 14th, met according to adjournment.

47. The records of the Executive Meeting have been read, and the doings of that Meeting are approved.

That Meeting makes the following recommendations, viz.

1st. The Trustees of the B. F. Knowles Fund inform the meeting that they hold $395.29 available to reduce the loan of the Yearly Meeting to the Maryville School. This Meeting recommends that the Yearly Meeting direct the said Trustees to pay the same to our Treasurer, and that the Treasurer be directed to apply it in reducing the $ [illegible] note issued by the Yearly Meeting for the benefit of the Maryville School.

The above recommendations are approved and adopted

2d. The Executive Meeting recommends that the $200 held by our Treasurer, Samuel C. Buffington, be used to reduce our indebtedness, which is also approved and adopted.

3d. That the $10,000 City of Boston Water Bond, No. 386, now held by the Trustees in the name of Edward W. Howland, Charles F. Coffin and Charles M. Bailey, be exchanged, and the Trustees are hereby authorized and directed to exchange it for a bond of same value in the name of the Trustees of the H. H. Mosher Fund or their successors, which is approved and adopted.

The Executive Meeting is requested to arrange for the proper disposal of copies of the proceedings of the Quinquennial Conference at Indianapolis now in possession of the Clerks.

4d. The Clerks are directed to make suitable acknowledgment to the railroad officials for kindness in furnishing transportation at reduced rates to Friends attending the Yearly Meeting.

4f. The Meeting entered upon the consideration of the State of Society by reading the Queries with Summarized Answers from our Quarterly Meetings. In this exercise we have been brought into a careful self examination. The Queries in their entirety enter largely into the details of individual and family life. The relations of domestic life, in their influence in the formation and establishment of Christian character, have been dwelt upon. There is nothing too small in the family relations to receive our careful and prayerful attention. As is the family relation, so is the church relation, since in God's purpose she is the flock and family of Christ.

To live in peace with all men, we must ourselves know the "peace of God to rule in our hearts", and must exercise a clear, sound, and sanctified judgment. The place of safety is in knowing and closely following our guide.

The olden pledge "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord," has been forcibly brought to our notice. The responsibility of the head of the family may not be shaken off; it is in the purposes of God in establishing the family relations; and it carries with it the fact of blessing and privilege. Into the ears of the trembling jailer at Philippi came the word; "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." In this

as in all blessing and privilege obedience and faithfulness must be factors. Parents were exhorted to teach their children a loving obedience which shall develop into a habitual obedience to God. The business of fathers and mothers is to fit their children for God and for the Church.

The indwelling Spirit of Christ will do a blessed work in cleansing, correcting, and rectifying, and we shall be given a wise discrimination in matters of amusement and recreation. The work of the training of children must be shared by the parents. The burden, so often thrown wholly upon the mother takes nothing from the father's accountability. "In every family must be a priest as well as a priestess." The healthy condition of the Church, as of the individual, is largely dependent upon exercise. An indolent Church is a hotbed for distrust, disagreement and schism.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom." Let the Spirit of Christ become a permeating influence to enter into and control the heart, the intellect the whole life and being of the man.

Answers to the Queries.

I. Our meetings for Worship and Discipline have been regularly held except in a few instances on account of inclement weather and other reasonable causes. First-day meetings generally well attended, other meetings too much neglected; the hour nearly observed.

II. Love and unity not sufficiently maintained and detraction not wholly guarded against. Endeavors have been used to end differences with little exception as to promptness.

III. Nearly all of our members are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation and endeavor to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

IV. We believe most Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, and encourage their children and others in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel

ministry is generally maintained.

V. Seven Quarterly Meetings report sixteen cases of the use of intoxicants. Two Quarterly Meetings are clear in this respect. With few exceptions, Friends are careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a Christian character, and to observe moderation in all things.

VI. Clear as to duties mentioned in this query.

VII. Not wholly clear in regard to military matters and oaths; no instances reported of defrauding the public revenue.

VIII. With few exceptions, Friends are careful in business matters as queried.

IX. Records are attended to. Not quite clear as to certificates of removal.

X. The Discipline has been administered in Christian tenderness and impartially, but not always as timely as would be best.

50. Nominations by the Representatives to fill vacancies occurring in the Executive Meeting have been approved.

51. Adjourned to [illegible] this afternoon.

52. Afternoon. Met according to adjournment.

53. The Committee to disburse the income of the H. H. Mosher Fund have made a satisfactory report, viz:

Report of Committee on H. H. Mosher Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

Your committee report that more than 300 copies of the "American Friend" have been subscribed for. It seems to be the general feeling of the members of the Committee that the direction of the will of H. H. Mosher can be carried out in no way more exactly than by using a considerable portion of the Fund in distributing this excellent [illegible]. The change in the date of subscription seems to work very satisfactorily.

The number of copies of the "Missionary Advocate" taken has been increased this year to 75.

Three hundred copies of "Waiting Upon God", a small volume by Andrew Murray, nine more copies of "The Riven Veil" by J. L. Keane, 300 copies of a [illegible] "The [illegible]" and a number of copies of a pamphlet on "Qualifications for the

Ministry," by J. J. Mott, have also been distributed during the year.

One hundred copies of the "Life of John T. Dorland" have also been recently received and partly distributed.

Alfred H. Jones, Chairman

D. P. Atherton, Secretary.

Newport Fifth Month 7th, 1898.

Report of Treasurer on H. H. Mosher Fund.

Receipts.

From Trustees		$820.00

Payments.

Balance due in former account	$ .40	
50 copies of Missionary Advocate in 1896	25.00	
75 " " " " 1897	37.50	
300 " "Children's Meeting"	13.02	
300 " "Waiting Upon God"	115.88	
9 " "Rules Vest"	7.65	
77 " "Qualifications for the Ministry"	1.14	
109 "Life of John T. Dorland"	122.65	
306 " American Friend for 1898	414.00	
Express postage, etc	10.73	747.97
Balance in hand		77.53

J. G. Paige, Treasurer.

Lynn Sixth Month 8th, 1898.

54. The Trustees of the H. H. Mosher Fund have presented their statement of the present condition of the fund.

Report of the Trustees of the H. H. Mosher Fund, 1898.

Dr.

Balance as reported last year	$13,867.69
Interest City of Boston Bond	500.00
Interest New Bedford Institution for Savings	49.04
Interest Lynn Institution for Savings	100.67
	$14,517.40

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Payments on Treasurer of Bond Amounts

10th Month 5th, 1897	$250.00
1st Month 28, 1898	325.00

1st Month 27th 1898	$250.00	$825.00
Balance Sixth Month 1898		$13,692.40

Funds now invested as follows.

One City of Boston Water Loan Bond, Registered	$10,000.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	1,263.71
Lynn Institution for Savings	2,428.69
	$13,692.40

Charles M. Bailey
Olney T. Meader } Trustees.
Joseph D. Ward

55. The Committee on the subject of Peace have submitted their report. Our sympathies are aroused for this Committee in their work of wisely and judiciously, yet faithfully presenting the claims of Peace when the spirit of war is rife in the land, and when a failure to fall in line with popular sentiment or with methods adopted by government, is liable to be interpreted as disloyalty. The Committee is authorized to prepare a letter of counsel and advice to our members, subject to the approval of the Executive Meeting.

In connection with this report, we have received a report from the Secretary of the Peace Association of Friends in America, in which a request is made for an appropriation of one hundred dollars, which appropriation the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is hereby directed to make to John Kimball, Treasurer Peace Association of Friends, Richmond, Ind.

Report of the Committee on Peace.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

A lecture in the interest of Peace has been given by our friend Benjamin F. Trueblood at our Yearly Meeting School at Providence, and peace principles have also been promulgated thereby other practical methods.

Our friend Emily Burgess of New York gave a lecture to the students and faculty of Oak Grove Seminary in Fifth Month under the auspices of this Committee. She also gave a peace lecture at Winthrop, Maine, at the time of Fairfield Quarterly Meeting, and she spoke briefly in the interests of this cause at public meetings in eight other neighborhoods of Friends during a recent journey in New England.

Twenty thousand pages of literature have been distributed at public meetings and much personal work has been done as was opened for it. President McKinley was petitioned to use every means possible for the avoidance of the war with Spain, and letters of approval of his efforts in that direction were sent him, which received grateful response. Members of Congress were also asked to vote in favor of peaceful settlement and some responded kindly and encouragingly.

The sum of thirty-four dollars has been appropriated from our treasury to aid in the circulation of the Advocate of Peace and the Angel of Peace. Individual members of the Committee have made efforts to have these publications more fully appreciated. These monthlies are conducted with strict fidelity to our principles and are fulfilling a needed duty in counteracting the military spirit which is just now unfortunately prevalent.

Believing that all war is inconsistent with Christianity, we dare not make an exception in the case of the present war in which our country is engaged for the liberation of Cuba. The war spirit being contrary to the spirit of the Gospel, we cannot look upon our land and its present attitude toward the people of Spain without sadness and serious apprehension in regard to its future advancement in that which is highest and noblest in the life of a nation.

As lovers of our country, we entertain fears that even with the most notable success of its arms, and even with the least possible loss of life to its armies, there will still be engendered a false pride and boastfulness in regard to our great armaments, a love of military glory, and other accompanying evils which are detrimental to moral and spiritual growth. With deep sympathy for the suffering people of Cuba, we believe that there were other methods open to us for doing them good which are infinitely better than war measures.

In a very scholarly and interesting address in vindication of our government's action Professor Theodore S. Woolsey argues thus: "The nation stirred beyond endurance, throwing force and economy to the winds, interprets its duty to suit its passions and makes into [illegible] it may not be in accordance

with the laws of love but since the dawn of history it has been the characteristic of our fallen human nature and Statesmen have to take account of it as well as of [illegible] and [illegible]. At the time came last month when our President [illegible] himself inclined to the peace-ish way, and though the armistice offered to the insurgents invited further delay and negotiations, no longer struggled against the rising tide. He had sought a lawful object in a proper way until circumstances were too strong. We should honor him for what he did, rather than blame him for what he did not do."

This frank portrayal of the working of the war system may well set the Christian world to asking itself if it cannot devise some system by which the law of love may be better understood and whereby logic and economy may not be thrown to the winds and duty interpreted by passion. And let us trust that the logic of events in the present war may lead many to see what a blessed thing it would be to have an established and authoritative court of justice of the nations, before which an oppressed and misgoverned people may plead their cause with assurance of prompt decisions upon right principles. For already it is manifest that if the great sums of money which have been thus far spent by these two nations could have been used for purposes of edification instead of destruction, the Cuban people could have been placed upon the highway of happiness and contentment, the Spanish people led up to nobler and more humane principles of government, and our own nation saved from its present unhappy and inconsistent position.

There seems at present but very little a Committee can do by any public effort. Our motives and purposes will be misunderstood. But our Society may well see good reason for standing as a committee of the whole with resolve to be loyal to our Lord, who said "Put up the Sword," and still calls upon the nations of the earth to advance His cause by methods which are consistent with His teachings.

For the Committee,

Samuel Buffum.

Peace Committee of New England Yearly Meeting
Treasurer's Report.

Amount brought forward from last year	$5.38	
Receipts Green Bushy Meeting	3.50	
Providence " "	8.00	
Boston " "	6.29	
Sandwich " "	4.00	
Westport " "	14.00	
Uxbridge " "	10.50	
Smithfield " "	3.50	
Greenwich " "	1.50	
Swansea " "	1.00	
		$68.02
Paid American Peace Society for circulating the "Advocate of Peace"	$34.00	
Hannah J. Bailey	34.00	$68.00
Balance on hand		.02

Thomas Ward Treasurer.

Newport, Sixth Month 14th, 1898.

56. The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting has submitted his account, duly audited, viz:

Report of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Receipts.

Balance on hand last year	$870.58
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting	556.25
Salem " "	462.50
Sandwich " "	506.25
Falmouth " "	218.75
Smithfield " "	156.25
Cassalboro " "	137.50
Dover "	100.00
Fairfield " "	312.50
Farmingfield " "	50.00
Cash received from loans	1,000.00
Sale of Books of Discipline	.90
Received from interest and dividends	75.76
	$4[illegible].24

Expenditures.

Yearly Meeting expenses at Portland	$422.[illegible]	
Printing, stationery and copying	435.11	
Oak Grove Seminary for well	279.36	
Paid Committee on Freedmen	500.00	
Paid Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	525.00	
Paid on Portland Meeting house note (balance now due $1,300)	200.00	
Paid interest on loans	145.82	
Paid expenses of delegates to Indianapolis Conference	277.70	
Incidentals	18.72	
Loans paid	1000.00	
Paid S. J. Swift, Treasurer, from Sarah J. Henley Estate	200.00	
Balance in Treasurer's hands	442.63	$4,447.24

Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer.

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 13th, 1898.

Examined and found correct with vouchers and bank balance in proper form.

Robert P. Gifford, Clerk of Auditors.

57. The Auditing Committee make nominations which are fully approved and the appointments made, viz:-

For Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting	Samuel R. Buffinton
For Treasurer of Providence School Funds	James H. Chace.
For Treasurer of Oak Grove School Funds	Joseph E. Briggs

58. The Finance Committee present the following recommendations which are approved and adopted. Our several Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective proportions of $2,000 to Samuel R. Buffinton, Treasurer, and hereafter in paying Yearly Meeting stock, Quarterly Meetings are directed to pay one half of their quota before the first of Eleventh Month and the remainder before the first of Fifth Month of each year.

Recommendations of Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee recommend that $2,000 be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year. They also recommend the following appropriations from the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting:

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs $525.00

For Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	$500.00
For Portland Meeting house note	300.00
For Expenses Finance Committee	.25
	$1,350.00

Your Committee recommends that hereafter each Quarterly Meeting send forward one half of its quota by the first of Eleventh Month and the remainder by the first of the Fifth Month of each year, and that the Plan of Giving as found in the Minutes last year, be reprinted in this year's Minutes.

Deborah P. Atherton, Financial Secretary.

A Plan for Christian Giving.

The necessity of system in Christian giving is very generally recognized, and has its warrant in the words of Scripture; "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come." (I Cor. 16:2) "The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Lev 37:32) "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." (Luke 12:48)

Many may be sharers of blessings they have never before known, if obedient to the Gospel teaching; "Let each man do according as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly nor of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7) The Mosaic standard of tithes and offerings received a new impulse in the early Christian church, when brought under the power of that sacrifice which was the offering of Himself once for all.

1st Duties of Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance.— The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance, composed of one man and one woman from each Quarterly Meeting, with the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting as member ex-officio shall organize by the appointment of one of its members as Financial Secretary. It shall issue as early as the first of the Seventh Month of each year a general Circular Letter, containing a statement of the several amounts necessary to be raised for Yearly Meeting Expenses (including obligations which may have been assumed) and also for philanthropic work under its care, the latter amounts have

been specified by the respective standing committees in their annual reports to the Yearly Meeting. This Circular Letter shall embody such other items of interest and advice relating to finances as may have claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting, with directions about the use of the envelopes as may seem to be required. It shall contain suitable blanks in which to enter an estimate of Monthly and Preparative Meeting expenses, with the appointment to individual members. The following form is recommended:

The amount which ×××××××× Monthly Meeting has directed to be raised to meet expenses the ensuing year, including its quota of Yearly and Quarterly stock, is $ -

Quota of the above amount for ×××× Preparative Meeting $ -

Current expenses for --- Preparative Meeting --- $ ---

Total $ -

Thy proportion of the above amount is about --- per month.

- - - Treasurer.

This Committee shall prepare suitable books of entry for the use of Monthly and Preparative Meetings, and shall have envelopes printed to correspond with the objects for which money is needed. They shall strive to promote an interest in the work, and a healthful spirit of giving among the members of their respective Quarterly Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to maintain a correspondence with the Treasurers of Monthly Meetings, and also with the Treasurers of the several standing committees who are receiving offerings through the envelopes, and forward to the Monthly Meetings as often as may seem best a statement of the financial condition of each object for which funds are desired, with any need that may exist.

2d Duties of Monthly Meetings and their Finance Committees. Monthly Meetings shall annually appoint three Friends from each of their Preparative Meetings, one of whom shall be the Treasurer of that Preparative Meeting, and these, with the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting as member ex officio, shall constitute the Monthly Meetings Committee on Finance. It is recommended that the financial year in each Monthly Meeting begin in the autumn, an order that the information and advices from the

Yearly Meeting may be duly received through the Quarterly Meeting. The Finance Committee shall duly fill the blank spaces in the Circular Letter intended for estimates of local meeting expenses and apportion to individual members the amounts considered necessary to meet such expenses. This committee shall distribute to each member both male and female, who may be expected to aid the work of the Church envelopes for monthly offerings, properly numbered and with the envelope shall be given a copy of the Circular Letter after the proper blanks have been filled.

Directly after the first Sabbath in the Ninth, Twelfth, Third and Sixth Months of each year, the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting shall forward to the several treasurers of the Yearly Meeting's standing committees all free-will offerings intended for the work entrusted to them, and shall also report the same, with other accounts annually to the Monthly Meeting.

3d. Duties of Preparative Meetings and their Treasurers. When a Monthly Meeting consists of more than one Preparative Meeting, each of such Preparative Meetings is advised to appoint a treasurer to have charge of its receipts and disbursements. This treasurer shall make a list in the book of entry furnished him by the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting, of all members of the meeting who may be expected to contribute, and assign to each a number, except when members of one family prefer to be indexed under one number, when he may adapt his record to their choice. As the envelopes are returned to the treasurer he shall enter the items in the cash book, stating the number of the envelope and name of month when payment is made, with the respective amounts in the proper columns. He shall forward quarterly all free will offerings to the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting. Contributions for local expenses shall remain in his hands, to be paid as the Preparative Meeting may require.

4th Duties of Individual Members:— Each member who is able to do so is desired to enclose in the envelope monthly contributions towards "Meeting Expenses," as apportioned by the Finance Committee, but if preferred, the

amount may be paid proportionately, semi-annually or annually. He is also earnestly entreated to contribute free-will offerings for the philanthropic work carried on by the Yearly Meeting and named in the Circular Letter, as may be consistent with his duty to God, as a steward of the property entrusted to him, being careful always to give an honest reply to the query "How much most thou owe unto my Lord?" If the donor has no choice how his offerings shall be appropriated, the amount may be placed against the item, "General Fund" and the Finance Committee of the Monthly Meeting will distribute it among the objects named as in its judgment seems best. The item "Meeting Expense" on the envelopes includes the expenses of both the Preparative and the Monthly Meetings. The item "General Fund" covers all objects named on the envelopes, except "Meeting Expense."

59. At the request of the Committee on that subject, we appoint Charles H. Jones General Superintendent of Gospel Work for the Yearly Meeting.

60. The Committees on Purity, both of men and women Friends have presented their respective reports of faithful work in a needy field.

Report of Men's Purity Committee.

This Committee was appointed to arrange for and conduct a meeting upon this subject during the Yearly Meeting. This service has been performed, a very interesting and profitable meeting having been held on First-day afternoon. The Committee, in view of the interest which has been manifested in this subject, are confident that it would be right that the subject be continued under the care of a committee and took up a collection amounting to $7.00, for the purchase and judicious circulation of suitable literature, and for otherwise extending their efforts in this cause.

They herewith recommend the appointment of a committee to continue the work in such ways as they may deem best.

For the Committee,

William C. Pinkham, Chairman.

Report of Women's Purity Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Sandwich Quarter reports "no special work in the line of Purity aside from general talks at Mothers' Meetings and the distribution of literature."

Fairfield Quarter reports "personal work and the distribution of literature."

Parsonsfield reports no work, but the member of our Committee there says: "We are not unmindful of the need of the work here, and hope there will be something done in the future." We need to remember that the present alone is ours.

Vassalboro reports 1,674 pages of literature distributed, three Mothers' Meetings held, twelve "My Promise" pledge cards used, also five copies of the state law relating to obscene books and pictures, and says that much prayer has accompanied the work.

Rhode Island Quarter reports no definite work.

Salem Quarter reports as follows: "There has been quite a demand for the different leaflets, issued by the Committee, 'Talks to Mothers' and 'Talks to Young Women,' besides those issued by other purity workers, especially those issued by the Word-Allen Publishing Co. The edition of the two leaflets by a member of our Committee being exhausted and there being quite a demand for them, another edition of 500 each was issued.

Besides the literature circulated in New England, quite a variety has been sent to Nashville, Tenn.; to a member of New England Yearly Meeting in California who is interested in the work for mothers and young people and who has large opportunities for work in this line; to workers in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. Have sent out about 4,000 pages during the year; given a years subscription of the "New Crusade" to four mothers and workers who we are sure are making good use of them, and have recommended the above magazine to those who are interested in the proper training of the young. In many cases it is being carefully read and circulated where it is of benefit to mothers, teachers and young people. I know of one instance where a young minister has formed a class of young men, who take the [illegible] and are making a careful study of it. The copy of "The New Crusade" taken by the member whose report we here copy, goes the rounds of quite a circle of readers, mostly young women.

We agree with her when she says, "Who can estimate the effect upon future generations of such teaching from young people to [illegible]"

Several books are under examination which will be taken to Yearly Meeting, and we trust all who are desirous of a higher standard of purity will make a careful examination of them.

Another member in Salem Quarter reports addresses to two large audiences last autumn, "giving," she says, "the messages that the Lord has laid upon my heart. I am especially glad to report this as a definite call from Him for Purity work among parents and young people." One talk to a W.C.T.U. gathering has lately been given by this sister.

Dover reports steady, personal work, confined mostly to that region. It has been dwelt upon by the Ministry, taught in connection with the Bible School lessons, and considerable literature has been distributed; number of pages not given. Two large public meetings have also been addressed.

No report has been received from Smithfield Quarter, as our precious sister, Salome C. Wheeler, has been called home

"To our Father's house
Where the many mansions be,"

since our last Yearly Meeting, and her "record is on high". She was a loyal worker for her Master, and her counsels will be greatly missed but her influence will live and go on as long as time shall last. God grant we may each one be as faithful as she.

As an outgrowth of our work, one of our young sisters, not a member of this Committee, has been led to organize a White Shield Society among the young women in a city in New Hampshire (Manchester) which started out with a charter membership of 20 to which number five new members have been added. They have held twelve meetings and one social in the last seven months, and at one of these Mrs. Conklin, General Secretary of White Cross work, gave an address to young women. Nearly 400 were present. At another meeting Dr. Ellen Wallace gave an address on heredity. At the regular meetings they have had papers, readings and discussions upon different topics connected with the vital subject of purity of thought, speech and life; helpful books have been distributed, and one young girl "through the grace of God and a little human instrumentality, converted."

Another young lady, a member of the Yearly Meeting and

a teacher in the High School in Springfield, Mass., has been greatly blessed in White Shield work, starting out with a charter membership of upwards of 30. They now have over 60 members. Mrs. Conklin has given them one address. The members are responsive to appeals, deeply in earnest and meet once in two weeks. A lady physician has given them one very helpful talk. They have felt that the blessing of the Lord rested upon the work, and are praying that He may make them a real blessing to the world.

And so the work is growing and spreading. God grant us all grace to be faithful to our own individual convictions of duty, to "speak the word in season" and to "sow beside all waters".

Elizabeth T. Larkin, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Purity Committee.

Received from collection at Yearly Meeting, 6th Mo. 1897		$9.55
Paid for four subscriptions to New Crusade	$1.00	
" " printing 1000 leaflets by E.T.L.	3.15	
" " purity literature	4.00	
" " postage	.90	$9.55

Mary Almy Chace, Treasurer.

Manchester, N.H., Fifth Month 31st, 1898.

61. We appoint William P. Pinkham, Geo. A. Barton, Henry H. Goddard, Hannah J. Bailey and Alice W. Maxfield, to prepare a letter to President McKinley expressive of sympathy with him in the present trying crisis, and to present the same at our next sitting.

62. Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

63. Fourth day morning the 15th. Meeting again assembled.

64. The Committee on correspondence presented essays of epistles addressed to London, Dublin, and Canada Yearly Meetings also an epistle addressed to the Yearly Meetings of Friends in the United States with which we correspond, and one to the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Ramallah, which have been read and approved, and the Clerks are directed to sign and forward them.

They have also prepared a letter addressed to the sick and afflicted, which the Clerks are directed to sign; also to procure the printing of a suitable number for dis-

tribution.

65. The Committee appointed at our last session to prepare a letter of sympathy to the President of the United States have presented an essay, which is approved, and the Clerks are directed to sign and forward it.

William McKinley, President of the United States,
Executive Mansion, Washington, D.C.

Honored and Esteemed Friend, - We, the members of the Religious Society of Friends of New England Yearly Meeting, assembled in our annual gathering at Newport, R.I. desire to convey to thee our sincere sympathy in view of the great responsibilities which devolve upon thee in the conduct of the present war with Spain. We, whose continuous advocacy of peace for more than two hundred years, as a cardinal Christian principle, is well known, have appreciated fully the efforts of our honored President in behalf of peace and have shared his sorrow that events, apparently beyond control have swept the nation into the present bloody conflict. Painful as the war is to us, we believe that it is also painful to thee, our Christian brother, upon whom, with thy official advisors, the nation has imposed the burden of directing a conflict which must bring death to many and evils worse than death to many more. We pray that God may sustain thee by His grace, and may grant thee and thy advisors wisdom so to guide affairs that every honor which can may be avoided, and that, whenever possible, deeds of humanity may take the place of deeds of violence.

May God by His providences aid thee to bring the war to a speedy termination, and so bless thy administration when peace once more settles over our beloved country, that thou mayest do much for the establishment of that permanent condition of peace among the nations for which Christ taught us to pray and toward which He was leading us.

In Christian love, we are thy friends.

66. The Committee for that purpose have presented the following minute for Mary J. Neaver, and propose that

duplicates be furnished to Mary E. Hughes, William G. Hubbard, Delia Fistler, Barclay Jones, Mary Nichols, Sarah A. Kelsey, Charles H. Stalker, Isom P. Worton, Ezra G. Pearson, John Henry Douglas, — which the Clerks are directed to sign on our behalf, viz:—

To Elba Monthly Meeting of Friends, N.Y.:

Mary J. Weaver acceptably attended this meeting with a minute of unity from your meeting.

6/. The report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been read, showing earnest, well organized, and effective work.

Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Statistics.

	Number Auxiliaries	Number members	Women over 15 in yr	Used for [illegible]	Honorary Members.
[illegible]	5	92	331	$26.29	8
[illegible]	7	134	290	68.80	16
[illegible]	4	49	258	17.14	
Fitzwith	4	66	177	6.76	14
[illegible]	2	42	137	33.17	8
Vassalboro	3	49	135	1.50	5
Dover	1	10	66	1.50	
Fairfield	2	45	276	16.10	5
[illegible]	2	27	54	16.63	1
Total	30	514	1,744	$187.37	62

Two auxiliaries have [illegible] since our last report. Portsmouth working for [illegible] missions, and [illegible] interested in temperance work; but Portsmouth has since [illegible] with a membership of six. For the past year [illegible] and East Lynn have worked separately, but [illegible] forming one auxiliary. We have this year fifteen [illegible] than last, with [illegible] life and [illegible] two honorary members, the same as last year.

Fairfield and Vassalboro Quarterly Meetings report the [illegible] having [illegible] 16 [illegible] than last year [illegible] reports as much work done [illegible] 1897

Providence is the largest auxiliary [illegible] 30 members and Long Plain is the smallest, with a membership of four.

Before Third Month 31st, when the Treasurer's book was closed for the year, according to the constitution, four Quarterly Meetings, Salem, Falmouth, Smithfield, and Passaboro, had sent to the Treasury more money than last year.

Rhode Island and Parsonsfield would have been in the same list if their money had been forwarded to the Treasurer, before Third Month 31st, instead of after.

For the past year our part of the work at Ramallah has been to pay the salaries of Katie Gabriel, head teacher; Jennie Rishmeh and Amelia Malouf, her assistants and we have also been responsible for the support of 10 girls, viz: Lydia Dimishky and Julia Sattelie who graduate this month; Adele Barakat and Nabiha Barakat; Emily Dimishky supported by China Auxiliary; Galetie Andie supported by Winthrop Center Auxiliary; Emilie Karam supported by "The King's Children" of Winthrop Center; Melanie Sahdal supported by the Westport Mission Band; Mary Malouf, supported by Portland Auxiliary, Amelia Adoo supported by Durham Auxiliary; Yeezie Safeedie, by the East Passaboro Auxiliary; Hannie Safeedie by the Lynn Auxiliary; Victoria Bekmesian, by Boston Auxiliary.

The Newport Auxiliary has paid the balance due on the well at the Kickapoo Mission.

Something more than $20 sent to the Jewish Mission at Chicago is all the aid reported that has not gone to our own stations, except that one auxiliary has done some home work. $2,182.50 has been received by the Treasurer, $2.56 more than last year. This is reported to have been raised mostly by pledges and freewill offerings, and no objectionable methods seem to have been used.

Sickness and inclement weather have prevented the holding of some meetings but for the most part each auxiliary holds a monthly meeting at which they all have about the same order of exercise.

Only 28 public meetings have been held the past year, which is the smallest number for a long time.

At the Kickapoo Mission we think the Lord's work has

prospered more in some ways the past year than ever before. Elizabeth Test longs to have at least a portion of the New Testament translated into the Kickapoo language. The Indians would copy portions of the Gospel from each other, and thus circulate it if we could have even a small portion translated. The well is completed; and a force pump, worked by a wind motor, has been put into it, and probably by this time the tank for a little reservoir is in place. E. Test writes that the well and the tabernacle are a great help to them, and she sends heartfelt thanks to all who assisted in sending the money to complete them. E. Test and Lina B. Lunt are the two missionaries whom the society supports at this Mission and they in turn pay for a teacher, laundress, cook, and from time to time farm-hands, using freely their own salaries and other income for the purpose.

There have been 11 girls in the school the most of the year. The summer camp, by which the girls were kept under mission influence all through the vacation, proved a success, and it is planned again for this season. Friends of the mission in neighboring towns are helpful in furnishing new camping grounds, and in helping to entertain and at the same time instruct the children.

The gifts from New England for Christmas made that day for the children and their friends such a glad time as they had never experienced before. E. Test was very thankful for the valuable contents of the six barrels and for the happy day for all. She always makes the Christmas gathering an opportunity for teaching those whom she can seldom reach at any other time.

The children are becoming interested in doing something to help lead their people to Jesus. One of the little girls now acts as interpreter at the First-day meetings, and in the tent-to-tent work of our missionaries.

Once during the year Lina Lunt was sick and taken to Oklahoma where kind friends, former helpers at the Mission, lovingly cared for her till she recovered.

Three circular letters have this year been sent to the auxiliaries from the Executive Committee.

Alice W. Marfield, Corresponding Secretary.

Report of the Superintendent of Literature, from Fourth Month 1st 1897 to Fourth Month 1st, 1898.

To the W. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting:

The following reports have been received from the nine Quarterly Meetings:

	Number of Missionary Libraries	Number of Books in Libraries	Number of members in Auxiliaries	Number of Subscribers to "Advocate"	Number of Leaflets Distributed.
Rhode Island	2	20	92	48	432
Salem	2	29	134	56	79
Sandwich			49	15	97
Falmouth	2	14	66	25	60
Smithfield	1	4	42	14	
Sassalboro			49	9	104
Dover			10	3	6
Fairfield			45	4	17
Rosensfield			27	4	17
Total	7	67	514	178*	812

* Seventy five copies of the "Friends Missionary Advocate" were taken on the Mosher Fund, which makes the whole number of subscribers the past year, two hundred and fifty three.

A letter just received from Flora P. Mills shows the importance of our doing all we possibly can to support the "Advocate". It barely paid expenses last year, and now there are not as many subscribers. If the paper is still to exist and also to become more interesting by pictures and contributions from the best writers on Missionary Work, the number of subscribers must be increased. The work of sending out 5,000 copies each month would not be very much greater than that of sending out 2,000 but there would be a great difference in the income. It is earnestly hoped that those whose subscriptions are about to expire, will renew them. In the issue for Sixth Month premiums are offered to induce persons to get new subscribers. Those interested in Mission work are asked to send contributions to the paper.

Some of the libraries mentioned contain valuable pamphlets papers, scrap books, etc. The previous figures show only the number of bound volumes.

Five hundred and ninety four leaflets were sent out

by the Superintendent of Literature, but it has been impossible to know the exact number distributed. Six auxiliaries reported that they had not distributed any; others had kept no account, but twelve had done quite good work. The most distributed by any one was 264. In the whole number distributed there is a gain of 34 over last year.

Let us ever strive to make each year better than the previous one.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily M. Jones,

General Superintendent of Literature

Livingston, Me. Sixth Month 6th, 1898.

Report of the Superintendent of Proportionate and Systematic Giving.

To the W.F.M.S. of New England Yearly Meeting:

The statistics of this department, as reported by the auxiliaries, are as follows:

Number of tracts distributed	498
Number of mite boxes given out	142
Number of addresses delivered	4
Number who practice proportionate giving	103
Amount of mite box collections	$160.01

No report at all has been received from the auxiliaries at Lawrence, Ware, East Vassalboro, Unity, Hallowell, and N. Gardiner; the auxiliary at Winthrop, although it has the department, has made no definite reports since 1895, appearing to have no settled superintendent. Thus only one auxiliary in the two eastern quarters manifests the proper interest in this department. The auxiliaries at Falmouth, North Berwick, Farmsfield and East Durham report that they have never organized the department, and therefore can give no statistics. At Providence, although the auxiliary has never organized the department, their Superintendent of Literature has kept a table, an interest in it, read several tracts on the subject at the meetings, and also handed some tracts to individuals. It is a little remarkable that this auxiliary reports the largest number of practicing proportionate giving.

It is pleasant to be able to say that the

auxiliaries reporting have done it well this year and given available statistics. One reports the number of proportionate givers "not known", but the rest give definite numbers. Now let us make an effort to place this department on a better basis for the future. Let those auxiliaries who have not this department organize it at once, and those who have failed to report this year resolve that such a thing shall not happen again. Let every auxiliary see that that it has a Superintendent interested in the subject, who will secure and distribute literature, and thus work up an interest, and will take pains to secure and send her statistics in good time. If those who have been careless learn to do well, and those who have done well continue in well doing, next year we will have a report from this department which will do us credit.

Respectfully submitted

D. P. Atherton, Superintendent

Report of Junior and Juvenile Bands

In many places within the limits of New England Yearly Meeting, the bright faces [illegible] of Friends are doing a good work for [illegible] missions. Few [illegible] are banded together as missionary societies. They are [illegible] working in connection with Junior Christian Endeavor or King's Daughters societies. This is now the case at South Durham, Worcester, Amesbury and some other villages or cities where heretofore Friends' children have been doing special work as missionary societies.

In Portland nine meetings of the Mission Band have been held, with an average attendance of seven. A barrel full of clothing and other useful articles was prepared and given to needy ones of their own city. $14.28 was given for home mission work and $5.00 sent to support a day scholar at Ramallah. These busy children say they are looking forward hopefully to doing still more and better work another year.

The fourteen "Willing Workers" of North Berwick, who have worked so nobly during the last five years, disbanded at the close of last year. Nine have moved away, the parents of most of these having gone on account of the removal of a large business industry. The remainder have joined the Junior S. C. E.

The band at Westport whose faithful Superintendent lives at Central Village, was organized in 1890 and ever since been doing faithful work for Christ. It has supported a Training Home girl at Ramallah during the past year, raising the money by collections and free-will offerings. If they could know how their little Helanie Dahdal, away over in Palestine, is developing into such a good little Christian, and will probably become a worker for Christ some day, how grateful they would be (and we believe they are) to be used of God in sending to her the light!

The thirty-five earnest little "King's Children" of Winthrop Center raised their pledged $65 for Ramallah during their summer vacation. It was raised largely through their own efforts in trading, running errands, and holding public meetings at which collections were taken for their work. The "King's Children" hope to be able to go on the coming summer with their beautiful work for this cause. Our missionaries at Ramallah, although so busy, have encouraged the children at Westport and other places very much by sending letters and pictures.

Much gratitude is due our honored English Friend Samuel Beck, for his efforts, during his recent religious visit to America, in [illegible] children and young people of New England and elsewhere.

Children's societies are sure to be all alive, for they are made of such lively material. Blessed results are sure to follow from [illegible] child missionary effort, carefully [illegible]. Since it brings so much of blessing to those who work and those for whom work is done, may it steadily increase until every child under the care of New England Friends shall know the blessedness of giving and doing for Christ.

Henrietta H. Johnston, Superintendent

Report of the Treasurer of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, From Fourth Month 1st 1894 to Fourth Month 1st, 1895.

Receipts.

Indian Building Fund	$119.00
[illegible]	.64

Collection at public meeting at Portland	$74.72	
M. T. Thomas, Treasurer W. F. M. S. Iowa Yearly Meeting, left by Malvina Peasley for Ramallah	10.00	
Women Friends of Western Yearly Meeting for Elizabeth Test	33.00	
Donation, S. J. S.	40.00	
Donation M. A. C.	1.00	
Memorial gift for Evelyn B. Creeman	10.00	
Etta S. Cates, one day scholar at Ramallah	0.00	
Elizabeth M. Hawkes one day scholar at Ramallah	5.00	
Esther Jones one day scholar at Ramallah	5.00	
Willing Workers Mission Band, North Berwick, ditto	5.00	
Westport Junior Band for support of a girl in Training Home at Ramallah	65.00	
Kings Children of Winthrop Center for same	65.00	
Mary G. Winslow, interest on Trust Funds	23.07	
Anna M. Gow interest on Trust Funds	24.25	
Interest on Building Fund	3.57	
		$367.63
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting		
Swansea Auxiliary ($17.00 of this was contributed by Allen Neck (J. C. E.)	$240.93	
Newport Auxiliary	30.86	
Fall River Auxiliary	71.04	
Providence Auxiliary	117.00	
East Greenwich	3.00	$467.83
Salem Quarterly Meeting		
Salem Auxiliary	43.27	
Lynn Auxiliary	66.58	
East Lynn Auxiliary	29.00	
Amesbury Auxiliary	67.65	
Boston Auxiliary	133.54	
Lawrence Auxiliary	20.00	
North Hence Auxiliary	15.00	$375.04
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting		
Westport Auxiliary	$50.00	
Allen Neck Auxiliary	35.00	
Long Plain Auxiliary	10.00	
Smith Neck Auxiliary	21.66	$116.66

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting		
Anthony Center Auxiliary	$88.00	
Hartland Auxiliary	8.00	96.00
Greenfield Quarterly Meeting		
East Greenfield Auxiliary	8.00	
North Sandwich Auxiliary	20.00	28.00
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting		
South Durham Auxiliary	$54.25	
($14.11 of this from South Durham Bible School)		
East Durham Auxiliary	60.00	
Portland Auxiliary	107.31	
($41.21 of this from Portland Bible School)		
Windham Center Auxiliary	15.00	$241.56
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting		
Bolton Auxiliary	72.00	
Hornbeck Auxiliary	75.00	147.00
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting		
China Auxiliary	60.00	
East Vassalboro	70.00	
Unity	5.00	$140.00
Dover Quarterly Meeting		
North Berwick Auxiliary	10.00	$10.00
Contributions from Bible Schools		
Central Village	$6.04	
South Pittsfield	3.20	
Boston	8.01	
Newport	2.00	
North Weare	6.45	
South Weare	.71	
Somerset	5.87	
Lawrence	10.00	
Cambridge	2.50	
Providence	8.00	
Fall River	23.77	
Portsmouth	6.00	
Amesbury	2.00	
Lynn	3.41	
East Lynn	5.00	
Duplesville	1.50	

Dover	$10.00	
Ionic	20.00	
Manchester, Maine	5.00	
Anthony	2.63	
Worcester	5.00	138.09
From Christian Endeavor Societies		
Portland Y.P.S.C.E. by D. [illegible]	$[illegible]	
Hinsdale " "	12.00	
Sayreville " "	2.00	
Smith's Neck "	15.54	
Salem "	7.00	
Westport "	5.00	
Lynn "	1.00	$51.99
Total receipts		$2301.94

Expenditures.

Sarah J. Swift Treasurer Foreign Missionary Committee salaries of Teachers in Training Home	$350.00	
Sarah J. Swift, support of 13 girls in Home	840.00	
" for day scholars at Ramallah	20.00	
" from Treasurer Iowa Yearly Meeting	10.00	
Elizabeth Test and Lina B. Lunt, salaries	600.00	
" building fund with interest	122.59	
" from Western Yearly Meeting Women Friends	33.00	
" from Ionic Bible School	20.00	
" from Dover Bible School	10.00	
" from Y.P.S.C.E. societies	51.99	
" from Amesbury auxiliary for support of a girl	60.00	
" from Newport Auxiliary, for a well	30.86	
" from Swansea Auxiliary for a well	15.00	
" freight on barrels	14.22	
Ellen W. Longstreth, for Jewish Mission	25.06	
" " annual membership dues	15.87	
Anna M. Gow, Trustee Memorial Gift for Evelyn B. Crosman	10.00	
Postage and Stationery	21.55	
Expenses public meeting at Portland	15.00	
Total expenditures		$2,270.14
Balance in treasury Third Month 31st 1898.		31.80
		$2301.94

Newport 6th Mo. 8th 1898 Susan H. Meader. Treas.

I have examined the foregoing accounts with vouchers for money expended, and find them correct.

M. Augusta Bailey, Auditor.

Life Members.

Elizabeth T. Larkin	Hannah J. Bailey
Caroline Alice Jones	Mary L. Osborne
Hannah B. Fox	Huldah H. Leighton
Etta H. Johnston	Anna G. Ward
Ruth S. Murray	Emeline H. Tuttle
Ellen K. Buffum	Mary H. Robinson
Phebe S. Aydelott	Mary E. Gifford
Sarah J. Swift	Mary S. Macomber
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Hannah G. Sherman
Lina B. Lunt	Tacie P. Hawkes
Lucy L. Goddard	Myra E. Frye
Adaline F. Chace	M. Augusta Bailey
Lettie M. Bailey	Sophia D. Bailey

Charles M. Bailey, honorary life member.

Report of Trust Funds of W.F.M.S. for New England Yearly Meeting, for the year ending Third Month 31st, 1898.

Amount of interest on hand		$23.07
	Receipts	
Oct. 4, 1897.	Interest on Bond	$ 6.00
Jan. 10, 1898.	Interest on A. F. Cox & Sons' note	5.00
Jan. 30. 1898.	Memorial Gift for E. A. Crosman	10.00
Feb. 12, 1898.	Face value of A. F. Cox & Sons' note	100.00
Feb. 12, 1898.	Interest on A. F. Cox & Son's note	.42
Feb. 12, 1898	Interest on deposit in bank	12.83
		$157.32
	Expenditures	
June 5, 1897.	Paid Susan H. Meader, by M. G. W.	$23.07
Oct. 12, 1897	Paid Susan H. Meader	6.00
Jan. 11, 1898.	Paid Susan H. Meader	5.00
Feb. 8, 1898.	Deposit in Augusta Savings Bank	10.00
" 17, 1898	Paid Susan H. Meader	12.83
" 21, 1898	Paid Susan H. Meader	.42
Mar. 1898.	Deposit in Porrow River Bank	100.00
		$157.32

Amount held in Trust.

In Augusta Savings Bank	$ 330.00
Nebraska Loan & Trust Co.	200.00
In Pawtucket Savings Bank	100.00
	$ 630.00

To the Trustees,

Dear Mr. Tore.

Having examined the accounts of the Trust Funds of the W. F. M. S., with vouchers for the same, we believe them to be correct.

Elizabeth W. Swan, Auditor.

The following named Friends have been appointed as officers of the Society for the ensuing year:

President - Phebe A. Mydlott, 344 Rock St. Fall River, Mass.

Vice-Presidents-at Large, - Myra E. Frye, Wordford, Me.

Ruth S. Murray, Grove Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Corresponding Secretary - Alice W. Marfield, Amesbury, Mass.

Recording Secretary and Corporation Clerk - Susan F. Thompson

Treasurer - Susan H. Meader - 634 Warren Street, Roxbury, Mass.

Quarterly Meeting Vice Presidents.

Rhode Island - Adaline F. Chace, Box 416, Fall River, Mass.

Salem - Jennie W. Crosman, Mountain Avenue, Lynn, Mass.

Sandwich - Annie E. Ewer, Sandwich, Mass.

Smithfield - Sarah J. Swift, 22 Oak Avenue, Worcester, Mass.

Dover - Almira B. Buffum, North Berwick, Me.

Falmouth - Miriam C. Webber, Lisbon Falls, Me.

Vassalboro - Eliza P. Pierce, East Vassalboro, Me.

Parsonsfield - Elizabeth S. Hoag, Whiteface, N.H.

Fairfield - Elizabeth M. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.

Trustees of the Permanent Fund.

For one year, - Mary G. Winslow, Winthrop Center, Maine

For two years - Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Center, Maine.

For three years Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N. H.

Superintendents of Departments.

Proportionate and Systematic Giving. Deborah P. Atherton, Cambridge, Mass.

Literature, - Elizabeth A. Gifford, Adamsville, R.I.

Junior and Juvenile Work. - Henrietta H. Johnston, Winthrop Center, Me.

Auditors

M. Augusta Bailey, Providence, R.I. Elizabeth W. Swan, Dorne St. Boston, Mass.

Box Committee.

Chairman - Olive R. Weeks Friends School, Providence, R.I.
Elizabeth C. N. Gifford, 3 Arch St, New Bedford, Mass.
Emma A. Douglas, Portland, Me.

68. The Friends proposed by the Nominating Committee to serve on the various Committees of the Yearly Meeting have been considered in their several connections and approved, and their names appear in the subjoined list of Committees.

69. A report of the Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor has been read and is encouraging. We feel that the future of our branch of the Church is made additionally secure by this organization of our younger members.

Report of the Christian Endeavor Society.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends: We have reason to believe that the blessing of the Lord has rested upon the work of the Christian Endeavor Societies during the past year.

Our statistical report reveals the fact that we have now a membership of 566 active and 190 associate members, of which 25 have united with Friends during the past year.

Four new societies have been formed, - at Dover Neck, Winthrop Center, Gamble Corners and Branch's Mills, the two latter in Vassalboro Quarter.

We have raised for home and foreign missionary purposes $315.76 since our last Yearly Meeting. It was resolved in our Annual Meeting that hereafter our missionary contributions should pass through the hands of our Monthly Meeting Treasurers, thus binding the societies more closely to the meetings of which they are a part.

We would urge upon Friends belonging to meetings where there are no Christian Endeavor Societies to take advantage of this opportunity to interest our young people and enlarge our work as a Church. Our Organizer would be glad to assist any meetings in the establishing of new societies.

In submitting this report we thankfully acknowledge

the Meeting of the Lord in the past, and humbly breach Him further favor and they sympathy and prayers of all Friends.

Martha T. Pinkham, Secretary.

Newport, Sixth Month 15th, 1898.

70. The delegates to the Conference of Friends' Yearly Meetings in Indianapolis gave an interesting verbal report. For further information of the doings of that Conference, Friends are referred to the printed report.

71. By request of the Bible School Committee, Eliza A. Jones is appointed Secretary of that Committee.

72. In the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting we have been favored to feel the presence of our Master uniting us yet more strongly in the bond of Christian fellowship. We acknowledge with thankfulness of heart the overruling hand of our God in saving us from anything that might have taken from the spirit of unity that has so manifestly prevailed. As we adjourn to meet next year in Portland, Maine, at the established time, if the Lord permit, and looking toward the opportunities for usefulness that lie between, we adopt as our watchword the saying of our Saviour, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you."

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting.

John Ellwood Paige
Deborah P. Atherton } Clerks.

Proposed for a Nominating Committee.

Rhode Island	Charles A. Chace, Susan Peckham
Salem	John T. Chase, Gillah Binns
Sandwich	Joshua L. Macomber, Elizabeth A. Gifford
Falmouth	George H. Farr, Lucy H. Goddard
Smithfield	Herbert H. Goddard, Sarah J. Swift
Vassalboro	Alvano C. Goddard, Ida C. Jones
Dover	George S. Jenness, Almena B. Mutter
Fairfield	S. Warren Hawkes, Mary W. Jones
Farmingfield	Silas H. Cartland, Will S. Weeks

Standing Committees of the Yearly Meeting
Members of the Executive Meeting.
For One Year

Augustine Jones	Providence, R. I.
J. Ellwood Paige	Lynn, Mass
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.
Myra E. Frye	Woodfords, Maine
Daniel Wheeler	Uxbridge, Mass
Eliza P. Pierce	East Vassalboro, Me.
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Mary W. Jones	Winthrop Center Me.
John B. Cartland	North Sandwich, N. H.
Lewis A. Douglas	Portland, Me.
William Thompson	New Bedford, Mass.
D. Wheeler Swift	Worcester, Mass
Jesse McPherson	Winthrop Center, Me.
William O. Newhall	Lynn, Mass.
Charles H. Thorndike	Concord, N. H.
Susan T. Thompson	New Bedford, Mass

For Two Years.

Phebe S. Aydelott	Fall River, Mass
Daniel C. Marfield	Amesbury, Mass
John B. Bayliss	New Bedford, Mass.
John J. Frye	Portland, Me.
William P. Pinkham	Woonsocket, R. I.
Linwood W. Jones	South China, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.

Phebe L. Pope	East Parsonsfield, Me.
J. Hacker Hall,	Windham Center, Me.
Levi Jones,	Winthrop Maine
Olney T. Meader	Boston, Mass.
Deborah P. Atherton	Stebridge Mass.
Ruth S. Murray	New Bedford, Mass.
Isaac B. Macomber,	Portsmouth, R. I.
Elizabeth S. Hoag	White Face, N. H.

For Three Years.

Samuel R. Buffinton	Fall River, Mass
Cyrus Jones	Lynn, Mass.
Anna G. Wood	New Bedford, Mass.
Ezra Hawkes	Portland, Me.
Sarah J. Swift,	Worcester, Mass.
Elizabeth R. Jones	South China, Me.
Timothy B. Hussey	South Berwick, Me.
J. Warren Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Susan F. Hoxie	Sandwich, Mass.
Joseph E. Briggs	Winthrop Center, Me.
Lucy T. Herbert	17 Chatham St, Lynn Mass.
Charles A. Chace,	Fall River, Mass.
Joseph D. Wood	215 State Street, Boston, Mass.
Alice M. Bow	Bolton, Mass.
M. Augusta Nutley	Providence, R. I.

The regular meetings of the Executive Meeting will be held the ensuing year as follows:- At Lynn 8th Month 17th, 1898 at 2.30 P.M.; at Portland, Sixth Month 8th, 1899, at 8 P.M.

Providence Boarding School Committee.

For One Year.

John Shober Kimber	Rachel A. Hoxland
Samuel R. Buffinton	Ellen K. Buffum
James H. Chace	Hannah J. Bailey
Peter M. Neal	Anna G. Wood
Samuel Buffum	Deborah W. Crosman
Robert P. Gifford	Deborah P. Atherton

For Two Years.

J. Warren Hawkes	Ruth C. Murray
William C. Newhall	Alice E. Maxfield

Daniel C. Marfield	Emily M. Jones
Charles A. Chace	Stephen E. Meader
Olney T. Meader	Sarah Marble
Charles Sisson	Susan Peckham

For Three Years.

Edward T. Tucker	Sarah J. Swift
Joshua L. Macomber	Rufus M. Jones
John J. Frye	Charles H. Jones
Thomas Wood	Gulielma C. Wood
Bessie T. Wing	Herbert H. Goddard
S. Caroline Tobey	Mary C. Crosman

Real Estate Committee.

For One Year.

James H. Chace	Samuel C. Buffington

For Two Years.

Olney T. Meader	Robert P. Gifford

For Three Years

Charles Sisson	Thomas Wood.

Committee on Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

For One Year.

Charles M. Bailey	Sophia D. Bailey
C. Irving Bailey	Hannah J. Bailey
Mabel G. Bailey	Ezra Hawkes
Joseph E. Briggs	Emma S. Briggs
John J. Frye	Myra E. Frye

George L. Crosman

For Two Years

Mary R. Jones	Ruthanna H. Washburn
Alfred H. Jones	Eliza P. Pierce
Henry Winslow	Mary G. Winslow
Elwood A. Bailey	Elenora S. Woodman
J. Warren Hawkes	Edward H. Cook

F. Louisa Cates.

For Three Years.

George H. Cates	Anna M. Priest
William H. Douglas	Eliza B. Douglas
Herbert O. Johnson	Clara H. Mumford
Melvin M. Bailey	Lettie M. Bailey

Adeline F. Chace — Sarah Marble

Rufus N. Jones.

Organization

Chairman — Charles N. Bailey

Secretary — J. Warren Hankes.

Committee on Education.

Chairman and Treasurer: John Elwood Paige, Lynn, Mass.

Secretary. — Anna F. Hall, Windham Center, Me.

For One Year.

George A. Barton — Rufus N. Jones

Anna F. Hall

For Two Years

John Elwood Paige — Ruth A. Murray

Emma Hacker.

For Three Years.

Gertrude W. Cartland — Sarah Marble

Wilmot R. Jones.

Committee on Peace

Chairman. Benjamin F. Trueblood, 6 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.

Treasurer Thomas Wood, 215 Pleasant Street, Boston, Mass.

Secretary Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Maine.

For One Year.

Benjamin F. Trueblood	Boston, Mass.
Charles Sisson	Providence, R. I.
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Jennie T. Bishop	Lynn, Mass.

For Two Years.

Thomas Wood	Boston, Mass.
Ellen Bangs	Dover, N. H.
Mary C. Bayliss	New Bedford, Mass.
Samuel R. Buffington	Fall River, Mass.
James M. Estes	Newport, R. I.
George A. Farr	Lewiston, Me.

For Three Years

Gertrude W. Cartland	Newburyport, Mass.

Elizabeth H. Jones	South Chinese, Me.
Hannah P. Ladd	Providence, R. I.
Almy Chase	Manchester, N. H.
E. Bryant Ridge	Lynn, Mass.
Sarah D. Brown	Amesbury, Mass.

Committee for the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

President Joseph H. Atwater Anthony, R. I.

Secretary – Adeline F. Chace, Box 355, Fall River, Mass.

Superintendent of Literature: Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H.

Superintendent of Lectures – Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Center, Me.

Asst. Supt. of Lectures – Adeline F. Chace, Fall River, Mass.

Treasurer. Elisha T. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.

Executive Committee.

Joseph H. Atwater	Nellie M. Hussey
Mary A. Chase	Elisha T. Read
Joshua L. Macomber	Emeline H. Tuttle

Hannah J. Bailey.

For One Year.

Joseph H. Atwater	Saylesville, R. I.
Louisa N. Meader	Saylesville, R. I.
William Wood	Lawrence, Mass.
Mary A. Chase	Manchester, N. H.
Joshua L. Macomber	Mattapoisett, Mass.
Adeline F. Chase	Fall River, Mass.
Susan M. Seabury	New Bedford, Mass.

For Two Years.

Mary C. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.
Jennie P. Douglas	
Edward S. Hacker	
Nellie M. Hussey	
Emily S. Weeks	
Geo. H. Cates	East Vassalboro, Me.

For Three Years

Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.
Clara W. Bowery	Winthrop Center, Me.
Lillie T. Meader	No. Sandwich, N. H.

Albert N. Peaslee — S. Pittsfield, N. H.
Elizabeth [illegible] Roberts — Worcester, Mass.
Sarah N. McLellan

Committee on Foreign Missions.

Chairman - William Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.
Recording and Corresponding Secretary Ruth C. Murray, New Bedford.
Treasurer Sarah J. Swift 22 Oak Avenue, Worcester, Mass.

Executive Committee

Hannah J. Bailey — D. Wheeler Swift
Timothy B. Hussey — Anna G. Word
Olney T. Meader — Melvin M. Bailey
M. Augusta Batley.

For One Year.

Timothy B. Hussey — Anna M. Hussey
Anna G. Word — Augustine Jones
Hannah J. Bailey — Mary E. Kimber
Sarah J. Swift — Harriette D. Collins.

For Two Years.

William Thompson — Susan T. Thompson
[illegible] Murray — Robert P. Gifford
Ellen M. Jones — Olney T. Meader
Elizabeth Swan — William T. Hussey

For Three Years.

Henry D. Swift — M. Augusta Batley
D. Wheeler Swift — Melvin M. Bailey
Charles H. Thorndike — Phebe A. Pinkham
Gulielma C. Word — Mary W. Jones, Winthrop Center

Committee on Western Indians

Chairman - William O. Newhall
Secretary - Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Me.
Treasurer - Samuel Buffum.

Associated Executive Committee.

William O. Newhall — Myra E. Frye
Emeline H. Tuttle — John S. Kimber

Stated Meeting at rise of Executive Meeting at Lynn in 8th Month.

For One Year

William O. Newhall — Lynn, Mass

Mary E. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
[illegible]	Woodfords, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
[illegible] J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.
Elizabeth W. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.
Lettie M. Bailey	

For Two Years.

Edward T. Tucker	New Bedford, Mass.
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Elizabeth M. Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
Ellen K. Buffum	Providence, R. I.
Mepa E. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Asa C. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.
Anna M. Gove	Seabrook, N. H.

For Three Years.

A. Chalkley Collins	Great Barrington, Mass.
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Almira B. Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
John A. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
Elwood A. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.
E. Anna Earle	Dighton, Mass.
Susan H. Meader	634 Warren St., Roxbury, Mass.

Freedmen's Committee.

Secretary and Treasurer - Robert P. Gifford.

For One Year.

Lewis M. Douglas — Susan F. Hoxie.

For Two Years.

George A. Barton — Anthony M. Kimber

For Three Years.

Robert P. Gifford — Hannah J. Bailey

Committee on Gospel Work.

Chairman and General Superintendent of Gospel Work for the Yearly Meeting - Charles H. Jones, Amesbury, Mass.

Secretary - Harriette D. Collins, Vassallboro, Me.

Treasurer - Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Center, Me.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents

Mount Desert	James M. Estes
Salem	Charles H. Thorndike
Sandwich	William Thompson
Falmouth	George H. Farr
Smithfield	William P. Pinkham
Vassalboro	Lindood W. Jones
Dover	Emeline H. Tuttle
Fairfield	Joseph E. Briggs
Parmesfield	Silas H. Cartland

For one year.

William Thompson	Susan T. Thompson
Joseph E. Briggs	Eunice D. Greene
William V. Ware	Elizabeth T. Larkin
George H. Farr	William P. Macomber.

For Two Years.

Edward G. Wood	Martha B. Osborne
James M. Estes	William P. Pinkham
Horace M. Hall	Harriette D. Collins
Frank E. Jones	Mary E. Gifford

For Three Years.

Emeline H. Tuttle	Annie Nichols
Gillah Binns	Charles H. Thorndike
Silas H. Cartland	Lindood W. Jones
John S. Kimber	Charles A. Jones.

Church Extension Board.

Chairman, Benjamin F. Trueblood
Secretary – J. Ellwood Paige
Treasurer – Thomas Ward.

Executive Committee.

Benj. F. Trueblood	J. Ellwood Paige
Thomas Ward	Melvin M. Bailey
Sarah J. Newlin	D. Wheeler Swift
Olney T. Meader	Charles A. Chace.

For One Year.

Thomas Ward	215 State Street, Boston Mass.
John J. Frye	Portland, Me.
Benjamin Greene	Portsmouth, R. I.

Melvin M. Bailey — Portland, Me.

For Two Years.

Charles M. Bailey — Winthrop Center, Me.
Joseph E. Briggs — Winthrop Center, Me.
Phebe S. Aydelott — 344 Rock St., Fall River, Mass.
Benjamin F. Trueblood — 3 Somerset St., Boston Mass.

For Three Years.

Charles A. Chace — Fall River, Mass.
George L. Crosman — Lynn, Mass.
Sarah H. Newlin — Woodfords, Me.
J. Ellwood Paige — Lynn, Mass.

Trustees

D. Wheeler Swift, one year — Samuel Buffum, two year
Olney T. Meader, three years.

Committee on Bible Schools.

Yearly Meeting Superintendent – Lewis M. Douglas, Portland, Me.
Secretary – Eliza A. Jones 329 Boston Street, Lynn, Mass.
Treasurer – Linwood W. Jones, South China, Me.

Executive Committee.

George L. Crosman — Lynn, Mass.
Anna J. Goddard — North Freeport, Me.
Charles E. Bishop — Lynn, Mass.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents

Rhode Island — J. Mahlon Chace
Salem — Jennie T. Bishop — Jennie W. Crosman, Assistant
Sandwich — George W. Hunt
Falmouth — [illegible]
Smithfield — William [illegible]
Passaic — [illegible]
Dover — William T. [illegible]
Fairfield — [illegible]
Greensfield — [illegible]

General Committee

For One Year.

[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] Gifford — Fall River, Mass.
[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible]

Charles E. Bishop — Lynn, Mass.
[illegible] — [illegible], Mass.
John [illegible] — Manchester, N.H.

For Two Years.

Eldridge H. Packard — [illegible], Me.
[illegible] Brainard — South [illegible], Me.
Emilie [illegible] — [illegible], N.J.
[illegible] — Boston, Mass.
Edward [illegible] — [illegible], Me.
Abby [illegible] — East [illegible], Me.
George [illegible] — Lynn, Mass.

For Three Years.

E. Anna Tucker
Elizabeth [illegible] Coombs — [illegible], Mass.
Charles E. [illegible] — Gonic, N.H.
John [illegible] — 634 Warren St., Roxbury, Mass.
[illegible] Hacker
[illegible] Jones
[illegible] — East [illegible]field, Me.

Committee on Finance.

Chairman — Robert P. Gifford
Permanent Secretary — Deborah [illegible]
Temporary (yearly meeting [illegible]) [illegible]

Rhode Island — Robert P. Gifford, [illegible]
Salem — Thomas [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] L. [illegible], [illegible] F. [illegible]
Falmouth — Myra E. Fryer, J. Hacker Hall
[illegible]field — [illegible]
[illegible] — William [illegible] Jones, [illegible] Jones
[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible]field — [illegible]
[illegible]field — [illegible]

[illegible] Board of [illegible] Trust.
Chairman — [illegible] H. Jones
Secretary — Deborah [illegible]
Treasurer — [illegible]

For One Year

Edward T. Tucker — Alice H. Hankes

Mary H. Jones of Winthrop Center.

For Two Years

Alfred H. Jones — Deborah P. Atherton.

Mary L. Cobb.

For Three Years

Samuel Buffum — J. Elwood Paige

Susan Pickham.

Trustees of Mosher Fund.

Charles M. Bailey — Olney T. Meader.

Joseph D. Ward.

Committee on Purity - (Men's)

William P. Pinkham — Alvano C. Goddard

Charles H. Jones.

Committee on Purity (Women's)

For One Year.

Angeline McPherson — Winthrop Center, Me

Adeline P. Briggs — Care of Hoxie Bros., Phoenix, R.I.

Lucy A. Snow — Windham Center, Me

Adeline L. F. Daniels — Millville Mass

For Two Years.

H. Elizabeth Jones — Amesbury, Mass.

Abbie P. Jenkins — East Dissellboro, Me.

Martha B. Osborne — Manchester, Me

Phebe L. Pope — East Pittsfield, Me.

For Three Years.

Mary A. Chase — Manchester, N.H.

Elizabeth T. Larkin — Peabody, Mass.

Emeline H. Tuttle — Dover, N.H.

Adeline T. Chase — Fall River, Mass

Committee on Revision of the Discipline.

Chosen by the Quarterly Meetings

Rhode Island — Walter S. Meader, Adeline T. Chase

[illegible] — Charles H. Jones, Mary H. Jones

[illegible] — Edward T. Tucker, Ruth L. Conway

Falmouth	John J. Frye, Lucy R. Goddard
Smithfield	William P. Pinkham, Deborah P. Richardson
Vassalboro	William H. Estes, Ella S. Estes
Dover	Samuel Buffum, Emeline H. Tuttle
Fairfield	I. Warren Hawkes, Hannah J. Bailey
Pleasantfield	Elizabeth G. Meader, Silas H. Cartland

Additional Appointments by the Yearly Meeting.

Rufus M. Jones	Augustine Jones
Joseph E. Briggs	Benjamin F. Truebloot
Alfred H. Jones	John Edmund Briggs
Phebe S. Aydelott	William O. Newhall
George A. Barton	H. Herbert Goddard
Robert P. Gifford	Susan Peckham
Edward G. Ward	Jesse McPherson
Myra E. Frye	Charles W. Webber
Phebe S. Pope	Susan F. Hoxie.
Mary W. Jones	

Delegates to Attend the Temperance Congress on Staten Island, in Seventh Month, 1898.

Charles A. Chace,	Adeline F. Chace
Emeline H. Tuttle	William P. Pinkham

Jennie W. Crosman.

Committee of Arrangements.

For One Year

John J. Frye	Susan F. Hoxie
James M. Estes	Henry F. Newell

For Two Years.

John S. Kimber	Mary W. Macomber
Lewis M. Douglas	Myra E. Frye

For Three Years

Robert P. Gifford	Alice W. Mayfield
Hannah J. Bailey	Thomas Ward.

Yearly Meeting Correspondents.

Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.

To London Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends: We have been cheered at this time by the valued epistles from you, written in 1897 and 1898. Your words of sympathy and encouragement have been appreciated by us and have awakened in our hearts a living response.

With you we deeply deplore the fact that our country is now at war. To many of our members there in the younger walks of life the unholy thrill which vibrated through the nation when hostilities began, was an experience entirely new. It raised in their minds as never before the practical issue of a conflict between the earthly and heavenly citizenship to which you are, and presented the testimony, which our Society has always borne to the principles of the Prince of Peace, in a new and clearer light. Those Gospel principles appear to us now of more value than ever. As prominent members of other branches of the church, who a year ago were earnest advocates of peace and arbitration have become advocates of the war and extol it as almost a holy crusade, our prayers have ascended to our Father that in our Friends, though we stand almost alone in this great country, may we and our children firmly and loyally bear aloft the standard of the Prince of Peace.

We are comforted as we remember that God at times makes even the wrath of man to praise Him. We have rejoiced to see the two great kindred nations, of which you and we are part, drawn more closely together. We have been reminded at this time that the union of the past in-dicate that God has some great service in store for the Anglo Saxon race. During the century just closing the English speaking peoples have increased 213 per cent and the people speaking the German language, but 5 per cent, while the peoples who speak languages of Latin origin have actually decreased.

The Anglo Saxon, the last born of the great races of the world, is the only one not transformed by climate and environment — a race the genius of which begets free institutions, and which carries them in its blood

to whatever part of the world it goes, and influences them upon other peoples. Its ingenuity has devised most of our new inventions, and its sturdy religious bent, given it by God, has by His grace made it the great missionary race of modern times. Already it supplies most of the Bibles of the world. It is a race, the religious character of which has been formed by the influence of the Bible, the success of which has been achieved by adherence to Biblical principles, and the failures of which have come when these principles have not been observed. The power which it possesses to apply more successfully than other races the principles of the Gospel to social and political institutions, leads us to believe that it has a mission commensurate with its gifts and opportunities. As God chose the Hebrews to teach the great fundamental truths of religion, has He not chosen the English speaking peoples to teach the world the application of these principles to social organization, political institutions, and international affairs? Viewed in this light, their gifts become not so much cause for self congratulation as the evidences of a great and responsible calling. We rejoice to see England and America drawn more closely together, because it in fact makes possible the accomplishment of this great mission.

If the result of this fraternal understanding between the two countries is to be a warlike alliance against other nations, you as well as we should find in it much cause for regret, while we should rejoice that a fraternal conflict would no longer be possible.

Hitherto, the English speaking peoples have accomplished this Christianizing work almost unconsciously. They have thought to serve themselves but God has overruled their movements for the spread of the Gospel. If, however, the great mission of which we speak is to be accomplished by them, they must more consciously cooperate with the Divine purpose already manifested in their history.

It appears to us as a significant fact that the communities of Friends are confined for the most part

to the Anglo Saxon race. Has not God set us as prophets in the midst of these great peoples, chosen for this exalted service, to open the eyes of our fellow citizens to the lofty character of that Christian life which the nations should possess, and thus to enable our English speaking peoples to accomplish for humanity the great service for which God is preparing them?

May God endure you and us and Friends everywhere with home to accomplish this truly prophetic mission!

With the salutation of love, we are your friends.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland:

Dear Friends,

We greet you in the Lord. Living epistles from the various Yearly Meetings warm our hearts with a precious sense of the holy brotherhood into which believers are brought by the blood of Christ. We would reciprocate, in the name of our common Master, these yearly tokens of esteem and affection. We joy in the evidences furnished by this correspondence, that Friends, as a people, are increasingly concerned to seek that perfection of consecration and faith which our Lord can honor with the outpouring of the Holy Ghost, sanctifying the heart and filling it with His own perfect love. The desire for this has, in an unusual degree, marked the various sessions of our meeting this year, and many precious souls have received at this time, a fulness of blessing hitherto unknown. Our hearts unite in joyful thanksgiving for all these proofs of Divine care and love.

We are also thankful for the blessing that has so evidently rested upon each department of our church work the past year, notwithstanding the financial depression in our country which increased the difficulty of raising the means which had been considered necessary.

Our efforts for the Indians and the freedmen, for foreign missions and for the spread of the gospel at home, have met with gratifying success. Our educational institutions have exhibited a marked devotion to the will and work of the Lord, and the attendance has been excellent. Earnest and effective work has been done by our committee on Peace, Temperance and Purity, and our Bible department, especially in some quarters, has received a new impetus. We are especially thankful for the prosperity of our Mission in Guatemala, having been enabled to enlarge its facilities and to open its doors to greater numbers.

We lament the existence of war between our country and another, and unite with you in the prayer that it may be of short duration.

In the bond of Christian fellowship and love, we are your friends.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Ramallah.

Dear Friends,

Your annual greeting has been received by us and we listened with interest while it was read. The report it gave of your welfare and progress was very encouraging, and we have also seen photographs of the buildings and the people of Ramallah that help us still more to realize your surroundings.

Truly the "hand of the Lord was manifest" in the success of the work of building and His power is recognized here also as He opens many hearts to give of their means and to pray that His name may be greatly magnified among you. We are glad that larger windows are being put in your houses to let in the healthgiving sunlight and air, and we trust that darkened hearts are being also opened to receive the sunlight of His grace. We need not be discouraged if this light shows us sins and imperfections we had not been conscious of before, because "the blood of Jesus Christ" can "cleanse us from all sin" and His indwelling power can "subdue our iniquities", even those that we had vainly tried to overcome ourselves.

We have missed our dear friends, Timothy and Anna M. Hussey and have regretted their absence, but we know it has been to your advantage that they still remained at Ramallah and that you will grieve when they leave you. The Lord has greatly blessed them and their work, but when He calls them to other service in their dear home land, He will not leave you alone but, as He was with them so will He be with you and with those upon whom will devolve the further prosecution of the work. It is such a comfort that it is His work and that we are only His instruments, and what we have to do is just to find out what His will is and do it as He gives us strength and wisdom for it.

You tell us you believe that the Holy Ghost is working in many hearts in your meetings. His blessed presence has been manifested among us also in great power at this time and those who have been willing to bow

humbly before God and give themselves to Him in full consecration have known the filling of the Holy Spirit. Are there any among you who are willing to experience this for themselves? He is just as near and as ready to receive and bless trusting souls in Ram Allah as in America.

We greatly regret that our country is now engaged in war; will you pray that peace may soon be restored, and, whatever may be the outward conflicts, may you know the "peace of God which passeth all understand to fill your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

We remain your loving friends.

American Epistle

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends in New England held at Newport, R.I. from the 10th of Sixth Month to the 15th of the same inclusive, 1875.

To * * * * * * Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:-

"Grace be unto you, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

We are assembled at this time in the original home of Quakerism in this country, where from the broad expanse of ocean, as from the majestic trees and luxuriant fields, comes the testimony "God is good." And while thus enjoying the evidences of His continued, the testimony to His redeeming grace has been borne by many in our assembly, who, in deeper and fuller strains of thanksgiving, repeat the chorus "God is good."

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We have received epistles from the different Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, also speaking of the goodness of our God and His watchful care over the various branches of their Christian work. We have also living epistles, His messengers whom He hath sent among us, and qualified to declare His doctrine. ‡‡‡‡ Precious truths, old and yet ever new, have been unfolded to us. The Lord Jesus Christ has been upheld as a perfect Saviour, able to save to the uttermost, and souls have been brought out of darkness into His marvellous light. Those seeking a deeper Christian experience, have found strength and comfort in the teaching of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost, bestowed upon those, who, in entire self abnegation, seek the blessing with its consequent endowment of power.

We have also been taught the necessity of a living Christianity in our daily walk. Professions of love, or of deep religious experience, are more than nothing unless the constant presence of a living Saviour is reflected in our lives. "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord," and while all are not called to the same service, the

requisition for fruitage is the same for all, "Abide in me and I in you." To-day, as of old, the world should be able to discern by our words and deeds, that we have been with Jesus.

The many departments of Christian activity have passed in review before us, and our hearts have been gladdened by the increase of missionary zeal in all our Yearly Meetings. The marching orders of our Great Leader "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," are being more fully obeyed. "The field is the world", and while we each select our special point of labor, let us not become self centered, even in our work for the Lord, but push out boldly as He shall direct, remembering that not one word of His promises has ever failed. His blessing has rested upon our work at Ramallah, and under the wise and careful supervision of our friends Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey our mission buildings have been greatly enlarged and improved.

The reports of our two Yearly Meeting schools show a gratifying improvement among the pupils. We note in all the Epistles an increased interest in the important subject of Education, which is a bright forecast for our Society. The plastic mind of youth easily receives impressions for good or evil, and if we would have our children fitted for the service of our Lord, in our own portion of the militant church, we must give them the instruction which will prepare them for it. May the scholars in all the schools of Friends be so helped and strengthened by an enlightened presentation of the Truth, that they may not be disturbed by the conflicting views of life in the world in this day.

The war cloud which hangs over our land brings a shadow upon those who accept the Lord Jesus as the Prince of Peace. We pray that the war may not be of long duration, but whether longer or shorter, we trust Friends will be true to their distinguishing principle, of the unrighteousness of all war. May the banner given to us be firmly upheld in all our borders.

We with you realize the precious character of the inheritance we have received from our forefathers in the faith, and would be true at all times to the principles which were so dear to them, bearing in mind, however, that a change in the method of expressing a principle to the world, does not change the principle itself.

The Christian Endeavor Societies are bright spots in our Yearly Meetings, and we would bid them Godspeed in their earnest efforts. The hope of our church lies in our younger members, and the presence of many of them at our gathering, with their evident interest in the work of the church, has been gratifying and helpful to us.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends.

To be inserted in the above as indicated by the star.

Kansas — We note the change of place in holding your Yearly Meeting and trust the result may be beneficial as interesting a larger portion of your members in the work of the church.

Baltimore — We would express our deep sympathy for you in your realization of the loss sustained by the removal of those who have been pillars in the Lord's house. Their voices in the defense of the cause of Christ, though now forever silent here, will continue to echo in the years to come and the influence of their devoted lives will long be felt.

We pray that the Divine Annointing may be upon other sons and daughters of your household, and that you may be comforted of God in the abundant riches of His grace.

North Carolina — We notice with sympathy your reference to the fact that while you are sending forth messengers into distant lands, your own field is wide and the laborers of are few. We pray that in giving forth to others you yourselves may be visited with refreshing showers, that those who remain upon the field may be strengthened, the laborers come to you, and still more

[illegible] your [illegible].

To be inserted as indicated by the anchors, and duplicated in substance to those other yearly meetings having new [illegible] in attendance.

Ohio — Among these we have welcomed two from your own yearly meeting, Wm. G. Hubbard and Delia Fistler.

Oregon — We have gladly welcomed our friend John Henry Douglas whom many, all we our land can greet as "our helper in Christ."

To the Sick and Afflicted.

While we have gathered at our Yearly Meeting in this fair city by the sea, enjoying its cool breezes and breathing its health giving air, our thoughts have turned to you, dear friends, who have not been so favored — upon whom the detaining hand of sickness or of affliction has been laid, and we have remembered you with loving sympathy and commended you to Him who alone can effectually comfort. May He send you "help from the sanctuary and strengthen you out of Zion."

But while we thus sympathize with you, we would turn your minds to the mitigating influences which are only found when the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is known. Let us then consider the blessings which surround the sick bed, which we are too prone to take as a matter of course — the quiet room, the noiseless foot step, the kind and thoughtful attention, the ready expressions of love which seem to have been kept back for our time of need; all these can only be appreciated at their true worth by those who suffer in loneliness and want.

Above these in value, however, is the enforced rest that comes during the period of convalescence, when you can stand aside and calmly review your life, its mistakes and failures, its influence and whither it is leading, by the light which God with them upon it. Then with clearer views of the requirements of the Master and of your own needs, you will be strengthened for the duties that await returning health. As a composer inserts a rest in his music that it may accentuate the higher and sweeter strains which follow, so may the act which the Father has given you be followed by higher ideals and sweeter lives than you have hitherto known.

And you dear friends

"Who weep a loss forever new,
A world where heart on heart reposed,
And where warm hands have pressed & dried."

Alas, how many of us can enter into closest sympathy with you! We may not strive to comfort you with words, but we may direct your thoughts away from

your lovely heart and hence to the work that lies around you. Thank God that you sorrow not as those without hope. Lift up your eyes and on every side you will see those who need the help and comfort that you can give, and you will find

You shall yourselves be blest
By every sense of service which you render.

May we all be favored to bear the trials, the suffering and the sorrows of this life with patience and fortitude, and to perform the duties of each day as unto the Lord, until we too shall be called where death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more; for the first things are passed away.

1899.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held in joint session at Portland, Maine, beginning on First day, Sixth Month 4th, 1899.

2. By reports from our several Quarterly Meetings we are informed that they have appointed Representatives to attend this Meeting, as follows:

For Rhode Island — Isaac B. Macomber, Chas. A. Chace
Robert P. Gifford, Obadiah Chace, Expie Estes
Joseph H. Almy, Henry C. Aylesworth, Ellen R. Buffum
Mary E. Kimber, Phebe S. Aylesworth, Alice C. Earle
Adeline F. Chace, Augustine Jones, John S. Kimber

For Salem — Charles H. Jones, Chloe A. Breed
Gertrude H. Cartland, Deborah H. Crosman, Lydia C. Neal
Charles H. Thornike, George H. Jones, Sarah A. Hill
Felix M. Neal, Charles H. Coombs, Ellen C. Jones
Susan H. Meader.

For Sandwich — Emma G. Ward, Philip A. Cornell
Elizabeth A. Taylor, Susan F. Hoxie, Richard Davis
John C. Taylor, Abby H. Cornell, William Thompson
William F. Macomber, Susan T. Thompson.

For Falmouth:
George H. Tarr, Charles A. Nichols, Ezra Hawkes
Miriam C. Nelles, Mary E. Richardson, Lydia M. Tripp
Charles H. Nelles, Myra E. Frye, J. Hacker Hall
Lucy J. Lunt, Melvin M. Bailey

For Smithfield. —
D. Wheeler Swift, Hannah J. Roberts, Merrick Wallin
Deborah P. Atherton, Paul A. Randall, John Mitchell
Sarah J. Swift, Jennie Allyne

For Vassalboro.
Elijah Cook, L. Maria Dole, Florilla S. Robert
Ellen S. Cates, James H. Cook, Jedediah J. Varney
Linnard H. Jones, J. Albert Jones, Eliza P. Pierce

For Dover:
Timothy B. Hussey, Almira B. Nutter, Geo. S. Jenness
John C. Nutter, Silas F. Trout, Anna M. Hussey
Emeline H. Nutter

For Fairfield:

Jesse McPherson Mary W. Jones (of Winthrop Center)
Mary G. Winslow Elizabeth M. Hawkes, Levi Jones
J. Warren Hawkes Phebe M. Wadsworth Hannah J. Bailey
William P. Winslow Joseph E. Briggs Henry Winslow
Mary L. Smith

For Parsonsfield:-

John B. Cartland Emily M. Jones Alice S. Tilton
Silas H. Cartland Nell S. Weeks.

Whose names being called, they were present except fourteen, for the absence of eight of whom satisfactory reasons were given.

3. The Representatives are authorized to fill any vacancies which may occur in their several delegations.

4. Duly accredited ministers from other Yearly Meetings are in attendance, viz.- Samuel Miles, from New York Yearly Meeting; Eli G. Parker, Mary M. Parker, and Isom P. Wooton from Iowa Yearly Meeting. Elders are also present from other Yearly Meetings with minutes; Margerie E. Wooton from Iowa Yearly Meeting; Aquilla H. and Hannah N. T. Pickering from Western Yearly Meeting and Cyrus Richmond Sing from Canada Yearly Meeting.

5. The following named Friends are appointed to prepare returning minutes for our visiting Friends; Charles H. Jones, Charles A. Chace, Joshua L. Macomber, Susan T. Thompson, J. Warren Hawkes, L. Maria Jones and J. Albert Jones.

6. We appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's account to the present time, to propose a Friend to serve as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, one for Treasurer of the Providence Boarding School Funds and one for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, viz: Robert P. Gifford, Thomas Wood, Charles A. Chace, Anna M. Gove, and Charles A. Nichols.

7. Information contained in accounts from our Quarterly Meetings is as follows:

Rhode Island.

Providence Monthly Meeting to be held at Saylesville, R.I. in Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Months of 1899, at 3.30 P.M. on Seventh day as heretofore.

Swansea Monthly Meeting to be held at Fructum instead of Somerset, on the Fifth and Ninth Months—same day and hour as heretofore.

South Kingstown Monthly Meeting has been laid down and its members transferred to Greenwich Monthly Meeting.

It has united with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Simeon H. Luther to the station of Elder, and with Providence Monthly Meeting in the appointment of M. Augusta Bailey to the same station. Harry Hay, a minister removed from the limits of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.

Salem— A Preparative Meeting has been established within the limits of Salem Monthly Meeting, known as East Lynn Preparative Meeting of Friends. Meetings for worship First-day at 10.30 A.M., Sixth-day at 7.45 P.M.

A Monthly Meeting has been established at Lawrence composed of the members of Lawrence Preparative Meeting, to be held on the first Seventh-day of each month at 8 P.M.

The hour of holding Amesbury Monthly Meeting in the Sixth Month at West Newbury has been changed from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

It has united with Amesbury Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah D. Brown, Anna M. Gove, John H. Folsom, Ellen M. Osborne and Amanda M. Brown to the station of Elder.

Also with the same meeting in the appointment of sixteen associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Mary E. Friars a minister has been received by certificate to Salem Monthly Meeting from Western Yearly Meeting.

Dundrennan Quarterly Meeting has united with its Monthly Meetings in the appointment of thirty eight associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Falmouth — Emma J. Gatchell of Durham Monthly Meeting, a minister, has been released from membership at her own request.

Charles F. Andrews, a minister and member of Falmouth Monthly Meeting, has been released from membership at his own request.

All meetings in Falmouth Quarterly Meeting, held in the forenoon, are to commence at 10.30, except Quarterly Meetings for Discipline which shall be at 10.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of eight, and with Bolton Monthly Meeting in the appointment of four associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The Separation Meetings comprising Smithfield Monthly Meeting have been discontinued.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting has united with China Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Linwood H. Jones and Florilla S. Roberts; also in the appointment of five associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Frank H. Jones, a minister, has been released from membership at his own request.

Dover Quarterly Meeting has united with Dover Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John C. Nutter and Almira B. Nutter to the station of Elder, also with the appointment of eight associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointment of William H. Wing to the station of Elder, and with St. Albans Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John F. Boynton and Martha L. Boynton to the same station; also with Sidney Monthly Meeting.

in the appointment of his associate member of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

William P. Hinslow has been appointed correspondent of St. Albans Monthly Meeting in place of Cyrus Estes, released at his own request. Address St. Albans, Me.

Alpheus Trueblood has removed to Indiana Yearly Meeting.

The recognition of a gift in the ministry of David J. Douglas has been withdrawn, (omitted in minutes of 1898)

The hour of holding the First-day meeting at West Gardiner has been changed from 10 A.M. to 10.30 A.M and the hour of holding the midweek meeting from 7.30 P.M. to 10.30 A.M.

The hour of holding the First day meeting at Hallowell, Me. has been changed from 2.30 to 2 P.M.

8. Fairfield Quarterly Meeting requests that the place of holding their Quarterly Meeting in Ninth Month be changed from Winthrop to St. Albans and that the change go into effect in Ninth Month next. The request is granted.

9. We are informed that our several Quarterly Meetings have ordered the payment of their respective proportions of Yearly Meeting stock to the Treasurer of this meeting.

10. Required statistics summarized from returns made by our Quarterly Meetings appear in the following table:

Statistical Report of New England Yearly Meeting.

From Third Month 1st 1898 to Third Month 1st 1899.

	Statistics of Ministers Elders and Associates			Statistics of Membership												Statistics of Children						
	No. of Ministers	No. of Elders	No. of Associate members	No. of Members reported last year	Error in last year's report - Gain	Error in last year's report - Loss	Births	Deaths	Moved in	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present number of Members	No. of children between 4 and 12	No. of children between 12 and 21.	No. attending school	No. attending school taught or entitled by Friends	No. between 12 and 21 attending School taught or entitled by Friends	No. Attending College	No. Attending College entitled by Friends
Rhode Island	22	28	48	916	....	1	7	11	11	7	30	4	25		941	89	82	131	14	10	5	1
Salem	15	37	43	726	2	1	7	16	8	4	13	7	2		728	38	69	90	7	5	5	0
Sandwich	13	17	67	496	....	....	2	18	2	0	2	1		13	483	40	39	42	15	10	0	0
Falmouth	18	36	0	387	....	....	3	7	0	10	15	5		4	383	51	55	78	17	9	2	1
Smithfield	8	24	17	288	....	....	1	6	0	6	1	3		7	281	15	19	28	4	4	5	0
Nassaltro	17	37	32	457	....	....	6	10	2	2	8	2	2		459	24	45	42	8	8	1	
Dover	5	15	10	176	....	....		3	1					2	174	20	10	15	12	12		
Fairfield	12	33	22	716	....	....	9	11	9	8	12	17		6	710	53	58	72	3	3	2	
Freemefield	5	8	13	139	....	....	1	3	0	0	3	2		1	138	7	14	15	8	6	0	0
	115	235	252	4501	2	2	36	85	33	31	84	41	29	33	4497	337	391	513	88	67	20	2

Names of Ministers (Deceased)	Date of Death	Age in years, or in what year of his Age.	Monthly Meeting to which they belonged.
Moses Huntington	Fourth Month 11th, 1899	90th year	Amesbury
Edward G. Billingham	Twelfth Month 20th, 1898.	85th year.	New Bedford
Symmes G. Williams	Fifth Month 15th, 1899	57th year	Lewiston
Lydia A. Phelps	Fourth Month 21st, 1898.	69th year	Uxbridge
Lisa C. Tuttle	Eleventh Month 13th, 1898	82d year.	Dover.
Names of Elders (Deceased)			
Susan H. Almy	First Month 13th, 1899	85th year	Rhode Island
Harriett A. Shore	Sixth Month 11th, 1898.	80th "	Greenwich
Joanna Peck	Second Month 11th, 1899	75th "	"
Sarah J. Macomber	Sixth Month 4th, 1898	67th "	Swansea
Joseph Cartland	Sixth Month 1[illegible]th, 1898.	88th "	Amesbury
Joel L. Davis	Third Month 1[illegible]th, 1899	86th "	"
David Gove	First Month, 1899	80th "	Weare
Phebe Slade	Eighth Month 26th, 1898	95th "	Westport
Achsah Ann Briggs	Third Month 8th 1898.	82d "	Smithfield
Lydia C. Varney	First Month 8th 1899	60th "	Maple Grove
James Pope	Twelfth Month 3d, 1898.	91st "	Vassalboro
Mary C. Jones	Fourth Month 26th, 1898.	80th "	China
Sarah J. Frye	Eleventh Month 7th, 1898.	85th "	"
Olive W. Cook	Fifth Month 3d, 1898.	64th "	Unity
Eli Page	Ninth Month, 1898.	73d "	Dover
Mary Gifford	[illegible]enth Month, 1898	87th "	Sidney
James Myers	Eleventh Month 21st, 1898	88th "	Winthrop
Deborah Wing	Eleventh Month 28th, 1898.	95th "	"
Mary Magoon	First Month 16th, 1899.	81st "	Sidney
Anna Cartland	Eighth Month 30th, 1898.	98th "	Parsonsfield

11. The representatives are requested to present to our next sitting the names of two Friends from each Quarterly Meeting, to constitute a standing Committee on Nominations for the present year, care being taken that a portion of this committee be made up of members who did not serve in the same capacity last year.

12. We appoint the following named Friends a committee to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries and present at a future sitting: Isaac B. Macomber, Sarah W. Hill, Richard Davis, Charles H. Webber, John Metcalf, J. Albert Jones, Emma W. Hussey, Phebe M. Wadsworth and Melissa S. Dearborn.

13. Adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon.

14. Sixth-day afternoon. Met at the hour appointed.

15. The Representatives through their clerk proposed names of Friends to serve as Clerks, as follows:

For Clerk John Edward Paige; Assistant, Daniel C. Mansfield; Women's Clerk, Deborah P. Atherton; Assistant Women's Clerk, Emily M. Jones.

The nominations are fully approved and the appointments are made.

16. The Representatives also presented names for a Nominating Committee, as follows, viz:

Henry C. Aydelott, Alice C. Earle, Charles H. Jones, Susan F. Meader, Philip A. Cornell, Elizabeth A. Taylor, Ezra Hawkes, Lydia M. Pope, Jennie Allyne, Hannah J. Roberts, Linnard H. Jones, L. Maria Dole, Timothy B. Hussey, Emeline H. Tuttle, J. Warren Hawkes, Phebe M. Wadsworth, John B. Cartland, Will S. Weeks.

The nominations are satisfactory and the appointments made.

17. The Committee having charge of Friends School at Providence have presented their 80th annual report, which has been listened to with interest by the meeting, so large a part of which are alumni of the institution. It is especially gratifying that the standard of education, of morals and of religion, is still of a high order, and that the influence of the school in molding the character of New England Yearly Meeting is on the

increase from year to year. The investment of funds for the development and carrying on of the purposes of this institution we feel confident would be safe and sure and we unhesitatingly commend it to such as may be in condition to bestow financial aid, and who would rejoice to know that their investment would yield returns in eternity.

Report of Providence Boarding-School Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:-

Stated meetings of the Committee having charge of Providence School have been held at the school house in Providence during the present school year, and sub-committees have been appointed at these meetings to have the more immediate supervision of the school, reporting at the next meetings of the general committee the condition of the school. We believe in this manner an intimate knowledge of the condition of the institution in its various departments has been kept up by the committee and in making this, the 80th annual report of the School, we can say that the educational progress of the school during the past year, has been highly satisfactory. The strong religious work of recent years has been fully maintained. The health of the family has, on the whole, been excellent throughout the year, for which favor we return thanks to Him from whom we receive every good and perfect gift.

Some important improvements have been made. A substitute for a gymnasium has been constructed under the boys' school room, in the basement. Extensive changes also have been made in the boys' apartments, greatly contributing to their comfort. The roof over the boys' school room has been has been re-slated in part, there having been a defect [illegible] to decay in the former slates. The girls' grove has received a careful grading, and has been greatly improved by the introduction of a wide concrete walk which surrounds most of it, and is used both for bicycles and for walks abroad, particularly when the ground is

damp or snow would otherwise hinder walking in the open air. The need for gymnasium at Friends School constantly appears to the benevolent friends of the institution everywhere.

A new street across the land north of the boys' grove, being an extension of Abbey Street to Arlington Street, has been accepted by the city and is soon to be constructed. This will open to the public valuable building lots on property now taxed

In conclusion we are convinced that one of the most important educational forces in Boarding Schools is a strong public sentiment, a dominant public opinion which always may be trusted to make for righteousness. The neglected child, disobedient and wayward, is caught up by its current and guided in the way of duty by an irresistible influence. We regard this as one of the greatest advantages of Friends School. This with able teachers and sound learning can not fail to produce the best results in education. But no school can be successful which does not make the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ fundamental in its work, because Christianity is at the foundation of all true culture.

The number of scholars for the year has been;

Boarders	165
Day Students	12
Art Students	20
Total	197

Officers of Government and Instruction.

Augustine Jones, A.M., D.D.B.	Principal and Political Science
Charles E. Cobb,	Governor & Director of Gymnastics
Evelyn Barrows, S.B.	Preceptress and English Studies
Thomas J. Battey, A.M.	Natural Science
Mary E. Rawson	Vocal and Instrumental Music
Sophia L. Pitman	Drawing and Painting
Walter S. Meader, A.M.	Higher Mathematics
Horatio B. Knox, A.M.	Greek and Latin
Charles R. Jacob, A.B.	Modern Languages
Helen L. Thomas, A.B.	History and Literature
Mary Abby Wheeler, A.B.	English Studies

Carrie R. Thomas	Primary Department
Eliza D. Gardiner	Assistant in Drawing & Printing
Allen W. Weeks	Mechanic Arts
Frank H. Swan, A.B.	Associate Governor & English Studies
Hamilton C. MacDougall	Instrumental Music
Lura W. Sanborn	Physical Training for Girls
Mabel Stokes	Special in China Painting
Gideon G. Congdon	Special in Mechanical Drawing
Caroline Ferris Chase	Secretary and Book-keeper
Mabel Stokes	Librarian

Lecturer

Thomas J. Battey, A.M.	Natural Science

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the School per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund, $75. Credit to a member of another Yearly Meeting by scholarship from the same fund, of $25. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the school committee, from the scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75. The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin French or German, of $10; for one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.

It is understood that no deduction from the rate of payment shall be made except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,
William O. Newhall, Clerk.

Providence, Fifth Month 23d, 1899.

Note.— The autumn term begins Ninth Month 13th, 1899 and the Spring term begins Second Month 7th 1900. Application for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee Eighth Month 1st, 1899.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Fund

should be sure to apply at the time above stated, Eighth month 1st, 1899. Applications should be sent to the Principal, Augustine Jones, Providence, R.I.

Statement of Providence School Accounts for the year ending Seventh Month 1st, 1898.

Receipts.

General Scholarship Fund	$5,200.00
Charitable Fund	2,000.00
Stephen T. Olney Fund	1,325.00
Elizabeth Fry Fund	1,500.00
S. Cattell Fund	225.00
P. J. Griffo Fund	150.00
Students Accounts	37,056.71
Auxiliary Studies	3,216.98
Day School Tuition	1,083.75
	$51,757.44

Expenditures

Salaries	$17,517.32
Wages	11,273.23
Provisions	13,308.74
Repairs & Renewals	4,022.44
Fuel and Light	1,416.63
Water	636.65
Advertising	1,215.78
Publications	172.00
Library	522.20
Papers and Periodicals	76.41
Incidentals	378.14
Balance	1,017.90
	$51757.44

For the Auditing Committee
Robert P. Gifford
Charles Sisson

Report of the Real Estate Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

The Real Estate Committee have received during the past year from sales of land, as follows:

1898. Eighth Month 16th, for sale of 6,612.81 square feet of land $2,000.00

1898. Eleventh Month 12th, for sale of 11,810.94 square feet of land 3,200.00

1899. Third Month 3d, received balance due on deed in escrow since 11th Mo. 12th, 1896 1,500.00

Interest on same 273.61

$6,973.61

Expenditures.

For Commissions	$40.00
For Surveying Bills and Stamps	17.00
For Sewer on Arlington Avenue	2100.79
Paid Real Estate Sales Account to Treasurer of School Funds	4,815.82
	$6,973.61

By direction of Real Estate Committee,
Robert P. Gifford, Clerk.

Providence, R. I. Fifth Month 23d, 1899.

18. The Committee in care of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute have presented their report, which has been read and considered. The warm interest of the Yearly Meeting in Providence School, as its older child, does not detract from that which it feels in the younger. It is with thankfulness that we note the progress and development of this institution in the Eastern portion of New England. We deeply sympathize with the Committee and others immediately concerned with this work, in whatever they have had to pass through of difficulty in its history, and we trust the institution may receive the patronage which it so well deserves.

Report of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We can regret more sincerely than do the Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute the frequent changes in officers of the school which are reported to the Yearly Meeting. We believe that a school of this grade

cannot accomplish the best results until it is under a stable government. We believe that there should be at the head of our school a Friend of advanced literary attainments, and of a Christian character that shall commend him to the confidence of the community in which the school is located, and of the best Christian sentiment of New England Yearly Meeting, and we think that we have succeeded in securing such a man. Wilbur A. Estes who was principal last year, and his accomplished wife, heard the voice of the Lord calling them to the mission field, and aided by the generosity of two of our New England Friends, way has been made for them to engage in that service. Their faithfulness and the beauty of their Christian lives will be remembered by us and we hope for them a large measure of success. With the commencement of the school year, as a temporary arrangement, Freeman H. Sanborn, the teacher of the commercial department was advanced to the position of principal, with Harriette D. Collins as assistant principal. At the close of the fall term H. D. Collins severed her connection with the school by resignation. She has acceptably filled a very important place at Oak Grove and her Christian influence upon the lives of the students has been marked. The number of scholars registered during the year has been 103 - 53 boys and 50 girls. Our Visiting Committee have, from time to time, reported favorably as to the appearance and progress of the school, and the Commencement exercises were interesting and satisfactory. The attendance of a very large number of the friends and patrons of the institution was an encouraging feature.

Since the departure of Harriette D. Collins, the religious work has been under the care of our friend Alvano C. Goddard, who has been faithful to this important trust. He has been assisted by the active co-operation of a part of the teachers, who have apparently been as much interested in the spiritual

advancement of the pupils as in their mental progress.

We have engaged as Principal, Arthur W. Charles, A.M., of Richmond, Ind. a graduate of Earlham and Hanford Colleges, and during the past three years a teacher at Friends' School, Germantown, Pa. He is recommended as a fine scholar and teacher, and also as a Friend of pure Christian character, and we look hopefully to the future.

The Officers of Government and Instruction have been:-

Freeman H. Sanborn, Principal	Greek and Latin
Ida St. George Pricefitress	French and German
Alvano C. Goddard	History & English
Francis N. Maxfield, A.B.	Science & Mathematics, Physical Culture
W. Edward Lamb	Commercial Department
Maud A. Birney	Elocution & Calisthenics
Effie Trueblood	Instrumental Music
Annie M. Priest	Drawing & Painting
Hattie Rice	Stenography & Typewriting
June E. Rand	Librarian
Ida M. Goddard	Primary Department

Communications may be addressed to Principal Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, Vassalboro, Me.

For the Committee,

I. Warren Hawkes, Secretary

Portland, Sixth Month 9th, 1899.

Report of Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary.

Receipts.

Cash received from Trustees	$1000.00
" " " Board & Tuition	5691.73
" " " Interest on Endowment Fund	767.35
" " " Temporary Loan	415.00
	$7,874.08

Expenditures

Deficit from last year	$382.94
Salary Account	2,502.61
Wages	749.00
Repairs and Renewals	126.22
Premiums	2,040.64
Books Stationery, & Printing	651.42
Scholarships	345.00
Fuel	513.75
Lights	102.47
Incidentals	274.85
Taxes	187.86
	7,870.86
Balance in Treasury	$8.62

Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer.

19. The Committee on Education presented their report. The work represented by the Committee is commended to the interest and generosity of our membership.

Report of Committee on Education.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The work assigned us has received attention by individual members, who have succeeded in placing pupils in our own schools, who would otherwise have been under harmful influences, and their established in correct Christian principles jeopardized.

James Wood of New York gave a strong, clear & earnest address at our public meeting in Newport. His subject was "Christian Patriotism from a Friend's Standpoint," teaching among other things the true position of a Quaker in governmental affairs and national interests - that it is not simply nor mainly a negative one. We have exerted a leavening influence in the religious world; so may honesty, uprightness and brotherly kindness be inculcated and fearlessly maintained, until their legitimate effect is manifest in the conduct of civil government and the clarifying of the public conscience.

We are confident that the "Loan Fund" (a number of which was reported last year) should receive additions until it is large enough to be available for use to assist deserving students until they are able to assist others by repaying the loan. To this end, we wish to secure at this time $50 to add to the permanent fund, making its total $150, which, judiciously invested and disbursed by our committee, will result in great benefit to needy cases.

J. E. Paige, Chairman
Anna F. Hull, Secretary.

Portland, Sixth Month 9th, 1899.

Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education.
Treasurer's Report.

Balance from last year	$12.63	
Received from Monthly Meetings	47.44	
(See report of Finance Committee)		$60.07

Payment.

Applied to loan fund	$20.00	
Balance to new account	40.07	
		$60.07

Loan Fund.

Amount reported last year	$75.00
Received donation	5.00
Appropriation from general account	20.00
	$100.00

J. Ellwood Paige, Treasurer.

Portland, Sixth Month 9th, 1899.

20. Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

21. Seventh day morning, the 10th. Met according to adjournment.

22. A warm Christian greeting from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Maine was given by Mrs. A. B. Cole, and responded to by Phebe S. Aydelott. As essentially a temperance society, we are in agreement with all Christian effort for the suppression of the

happy unity.

22. The Committee on Gospel Work presented their report. Appreciating all the difficulties with which the Committee has had to contend, we rejoice in all that has been done, and sincerely hope that the Committee may have the earnest and practical support of the meeting. Recognizing the fact that all successful work must be performed under the guidance of the Head of the Church, it is the desire of this meeting that the work may not be frustrated by the failure of any one member to fall into his right place in it. Let none of us make the mistake of believing that all of our part in this work can be delegated to a Committee. As an organizing force we can never reach the height of our opportunity until every member is a self constituted unit in the great committee commissioned by God.

Report of Gospel Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

In presenting the report of the efforts of the Gospel Committee for the past year, we realize that we have sadly failed to measure up, in results, to what we anticipated a year ago we should do. Yet we feel thankful for the degree of success which is apparent; also for that which though unseen, we believe to be quietly working in the hearts of many as the result of the seed sowing in our part.

It is a source of great comfort to the child of God that, having done to the best of his ability the will of his Father, he can quietly and trustfully leave the results of his labor with Him who has promised that the word which proceeteth out of His mouth shall not return unto Him void.

The General Superintendent has endeavored to be helpful in the work in every possible way. He has visited many of the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings and assisted in several series of meetings. He has also visited many families and has done what he could by correspondence with meetings and workers.

The work in many localities has failed to be as profitable as it might have been, owing to the lack

of co-operation on the part of many of the prominent members of the church. When will we learn that the enemy of all god employs no more powerful agency to neutralize honest earnest Christian effort, than that of church members who not only refuse to participate in the effort, but criticise unkindly the workers engaged and the methods employed? When will we learn that souls are the most precious things that God has created, and that men with immortal souls are being hurried along the broad way that leadeth to destruction, and that the Church of Jesus Christ exists only for the purpose of arresting these in their downward course, turning them into the straight and narrow way that leadeth unto life and building them up and establishing them therein?

We would again urge upon Friends the importance of the work of the Gospel Committee and the necessity of liberal contributions to sustain it. We have endeavored to use what means were placed at our disposal as wisely and conscientiously as possible, but many times during the year we were obliged to let opportunities for service pass because of the condition of our treasury. This condition of things should never be allowed to exist. The silver and the gold are His, and as His stewards we should count it not only a duty, but a blessed privilege, to respond to His call for means to carry on His work.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting — James M. Estes superintendent. Six meetings visited. One series of meetings held at each of the following places, viz. — Anthony, Sayleville, Freetown and Newport. Family visits, sixty three. Professed conversions, twenty-six. Professed sanctification, ten. Professed renewals, four. Received into membership, ten. Amount expended in Gospel work not passing through the treasury, $100. This includes the amount received from the Quarterly Meeting Committee.

Salem Quarterly Meeting, Charles H. Thorndike, superintendent. Meetings visited, four. One series of

meetings at North Weare, consisting of eighteen meetings; and at South Pittsfield, consisting of nineteen meetings. Meetings attended, not included in the above, twenty-seven. Family visits forty-seven. The visit of William and Susan T. Thompson at South Pittsfield was a great blessing to the little meeting there.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting. William Thompson, Superintendent. Series of meetings at Westport and Atlantic Neck. Family visits, fifty-seven. Meetings held, not under the auspices of Committee, eighteen. Pastoral visits not under care of Committee, fifteen. Meetings attended, none. Conversions, two. Money expended not passing through the treasury, $116. Mary Jane Weaver attended meetings in New Bedford for two weeks, holding three extra meetings and making nine visits. Arrangements were made for the attendance of various ministers at New Bedford during the summer months. All of these efforts were satisfactory and the results helpful. Series of meetings held under the care of the general superintendent within the limits of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting were pronounced helpful by the young people who desired teaching.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting. George H. Fair, Superintendent. No report from the Superintendent, but a most blessed work has been done within the limits of this Quarterly Meeting, resulting in healing old difficulties, restoring love and unity, many conversions and renewals, and the addition of many members to the church.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting. Linwood W. Jones, Superintendent. Number of meetings visited, three. Series of meetings, six. Meetings comprising them, one hundred. Family visits, sixty. Professed conversions, four. Professed renewals, one. Amount of money expended not passing through the treasury, $60. Some meetings held by Committee at East Vassalboro, Lambs Corner, Weeks Mills and Branch's Mills, assisted by some workers not on the Committee.

Dover Quarterly Meeting. Emeline H. Tuttle, Superintendent

Circumstances have prevented the Superintendent from giving as much time and attention to the work as in former years. About two weeks work was given to Meaderboro, in which eleven family visits were paid and some extra meetings were held. The mission prayer meeting on Sabbath evening at the home of the superintendent has been continued through the year and has proved a great blessing to many, both old and young.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting. Joseph S. Briggs, Superintendent. Series of meetings, five, held at North Fairfield, Hallowell, Sydney, West Gardiner and St. Albans. In all of these the church was much strengthened and we believe permanent good was accomplished. Professed conversions and renewals, fifty two. Professed sanctification one hundred and forty-one. Amount expended not passing through the treasury, $155.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting. Silas H. Cartland Superintendent. Number of meetings visited, three. Family visits, one hundred and twelve. Some conversions and renewals. Number received into membership three. Some Gospel work has been done by the Committee assisted by others. Thirty extra meetings have been held at East Parsonsfield village, in which good interest was manifested.

Summary

Meetings visited	25
Series of meetings	19
Conversions and renewals	89
Professed sanctification	151
Family visits	350
Money expended not passing through the treasury	$431.
Members received	13.
Meetings held, not under care of Committee	18
Pastoral visits not under care of Committee	205.

Considerable work has been done by the Committee which cannot be made to appear in a report, and while we have spoken of some of the difficulties we have encountered it has been in no complaining spirit. We most

gratefully acknowledge the unfailing faithfulness of our Heavenly Father and in loving confidence we commit our work and to results to Him.

On behalf of the Committee,

Charles H. Jones, General Superintendent.

Portland, Maine, Sixth Month 10th, 1899.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Gospel Work.

Receipts.

By balance from last year		$271.14
By cash from Ellen K. Buffum		15.00
"	Salem Monthly Meeting	51.00
"	Sandwich Monthly Meeting	6.00
"	Westport Monthly Meeting	40.00
"	Swansea Monthly Meeting	28.70
"	Boston Monthly Meeting	47.45
"	Providence Monthly Meeting	9.00
"	Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	56.05
"	Winthrop Monthly Meeting	11.30
"	Bolton Monthly Meeting	4.00
"	Vassalboro Monthly Meeting	4.00
"	Greenwich Monthly Meeting	8.00
"	Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	12.00
"	New Bedford Monthly Meeting	15.40
"	Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	10.00
"	Smithfield Monthly Meeting	10.33
"	Weare Monthly Meeting	3.50
"	Falmouth Monthly Meeting	15.61
"	China Monthly Meeting	1.31
		$616.79

Expenditures	$431.00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	185.79	
		$616.79

Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer.

Sixth month 10th, 1899

24. The Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight have been read, together with a minute of the exercise of that meeting, viz:—

Summary Answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

1. We are diligent in the attendance of our meetings for worship and discipline with some exception, and careful to promote the attendance of our families.

2. With very little exception we are in unity one with another and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering unto Christ.

3. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures seeking by prayer a right understanding of their contents. We are careful not to misquote nor misapply them.

Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

In order that our preaching may be effective for good in gathering unto Christ it must be backed up by holy living on our part. This can only be experienced and manifested by having the heart purified by the incoming and indwelling of our blessed Christ. It is not safe for us to indulge in anything, either small or great which is of doubtful propriety or which others from their standpoint might easily place a wrong construction upon. We may even find it best, for the sake of others, to refrain from some things which for us are lawful and right in themselves, but which might form a snare to some who are differently situated. Paul expressed the spirit of the Master when he declared, "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." In everything the humble, devoted child of God will seek to "abstain from all appearance of evil," that no occasion of offence may be given. If the fountain be pure the outflowing streams will be pure also.

The elders were tenderly exhorted to faithfulness in the discharge of their responsible duties. To watch over the ministry, not only to guard it from unsoundness, but to tenderly encourage its development by the sympathetic word, the warm grasp of the hand, and by themselves being examples of prompt and

glad obedience to the call of the Master in opening their lips in the congregation of the people.

Many precious gifts have been bestowed upon the tamer of the flock, the young people within our borders, which will remain undeveloped until they may be lost altogether unless loving care and help is extended by those who "watch for souls as they that must give account."

True Christian unity is an absolute necessity to success in carrying forward the Master's work. Our circumstances in life may be so very different that of necessity our methods of labor will also be different. We need to learn that others equally honest, equally spiritual, are led of God to accomplish the same results as ourselves, but by means peculiarly their own. In the great warfare in which we are engaged we cannot afford to waste our energies or weaken our forces by internal dissentions or lack of confidence in our another. When our hearts are filled with love to Christ, they will also be filled with love to our fellows; and this love will enable us to overcome all improper prejudices toward others engaged in the same conflict as ourselves against the powers of darkness.

Parents need to be especially careful of their words and conduct and general attitude toward the work of the Lord, not only for their own sake, but for the sake of their children. Nothing is so fatal to the spiritual life of a young person as to have parents indulge in unkind and unchristian criticism of workers or their methods.

Charles H. Jones, Clerk.

25. The annual report of the Church Extension Board has been read. Supplementing the work of the Gospel Committee, and in some sense co-operating with it the Board is a valuable adjunct in carrying on the work of the church.

Report of the Church Extension Board.

The Church Extension Board of New England Yearly Meeting has given attention to its duties

Two meetings of the Board and two meetings of the Executive Committee have been held during the year. The work of the Board, apart from such counsel as it may be able to give, is largely in securing and disbursing funds, so that the chief interest will centre in the Treasurer's report, which accompanies this. Circulars have been issued, addressed both to individuals and to meetings, setting forth the needs of the work, the response to which will appear in the Treasurer's report above referred to. It is a satisfaction to know that in places where we have been able to render assistance the work has progressed favorably. The meetings in Sidney and Fairfield, Maine and in Warwick and Anthony, R. I. have continued to claim our interest, and good work is being done in all. There are other places in the Yearly Meeting where we hope to render aid, when the state of the treasury shall warrant it.

Our sympathies are keenly alive to the interests of all our small, struggling meetings, our work being not so much on an independent basis as to co-operate with Friends who are doing all in their power for themselves.

For the Board,

John Ellwood Paige Secretary.

Portland, Sixth Month 10th, 1899.

Treasurer's Report of Church Extension Board. New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:-

Receipts

Amount from last year		$15.90
Received from	W. H. Perry	2.00
" "	Abby M. C. Bond	1.00
" "	Rebecca W. Davis	5.00
" "	Mary S. Macomber	10.00
" "	Chas. A. Goddard	1.00
" "	Addie Chace	1.00
" "	H. A. Wheler	2.00
" "	D. Wheler Swift	100.00

Received from	a Friend from South Dartmouth	$20.00	
"	" J. T. Ficket	1.00	
"	" Henry D. Swift	10.00	
"	" Samuel A. Nichols	2.00	
"	" Lucy G. Collins	.50	
"	" Frank G. Jones	2.50	
"	" Charles A. Chace	10.00	
"	" Ellen A. Winslow	1.00	
"	" Elizabeth C. Ewer	2.00	
"	" Elizabeth C. Wing	2.00	
"	" M. M. Bailey	10.00	
"	" Ralph Earle	2.00	
"	" C. E. Hoag	6.00	
"	" Narcissa Crosman	2.00	
"	" Buxton	4.00	
"	" Mary J. Buxton	5.00	
"	" David B. Grover	1.00	
"	" New Bedford Monthly Meeting	23.00	
"	" Lynn Meeting	6.54	
"	" St. Albans, Me. Meeting	5.00	
"	" Bolton Monthly Meeting	4.07	
"	" Portland Meeting	16.47	
"	" Deering Meeting	7.00	
"	" Lawrence Meeting	10.29	
"	" Boston Meeting	8.85	
"	" Unity, Me. Meeting	5.00	
"	" Somerset Meeting	8.75	
"	" Portland Bible School	20.00	
"	" Portsmouth, R. I. Meeting	4.00	
"	" Allens Neck Meeting	4.00	
"	" Amesbury Meeting	4.12	
			$346.49

Expenditures

Paid for printing, etc.	$10.00
Wm Wood, Treasurer Lawrence Meeting-house Fund	100.00
Fairfield Meeting	50.00
Anthony Meeting	25.00
Sidney Meeting	25.00
J. E. Farwell, printing	6.00

Warwick Meeting	$25.00
Anthony Meeting	25.00
Fairfield Meeting	25.00
Lawrence Meeting	50.00
	$341.00
Balance on hand	$5.49

Thomas Wood, Treasurer.

Portland, Sixth Month 10th, 1899.

26. Adjourned to 3.30

27. Afternoon. Met at 3.30

28. The report of the Foreign Mission Committee has been read and was full of intense interest. It is a cause of deep thankfulness that the work at Ramallah has developed until it is an institution in which we may take a praiseworthy pride, and has been placed upon a strong, and to all appearance secure basis. We desire to place upon record our recognition of the "good hand of our God" upon this work, in that he has enabled our brother and sister Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey to carry it to so successful completion, has watched over them during their absence, returned them to us and to their immediate family and plucked from their lips the cup of impending sorrow.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

We present with this the report received from Wilfred and Della Crowntree. They have now assumed the care of the mission at Ramallah and are bravely taking up their duties. We are thankful for the safe return of our dear friends Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey. The same Power that has upheld them in their difficult work at Ramallah has been about them during their winter voyage homeward, and now that they are among us they bring us still more closely in sympathy with the work and the workers in Palestine.

Ramallah, Palestine, Fifth Month 11th 1899

To the Foreign Mission Committee of New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:

We are thankful to report that the last year has been one of blessing from the Lord. Looking back, we remember

the times of sorrow — the parting from loved ones who were leaving us, and the bereavement of some of our teachers and girls by the death of those dear to them — but through all we have felt the presence and comfort of our Heavenly Father, and the strength that He alone can give.

Soon after the last report had been sent, the belfry was built on the Training Home, and our new bell placed in position. Arrangements were made to carry the rain water from the roof of the new building to the larger cistern, ensuring a sufficient supply for household use through the long, dry summer. A boiler and hot water tank were put in the new laundry building; and several needed repairs made on the premises.

Then came the long wait for the license, which was not only a time of waiting, but one in which much work had to be done. Very many trips did Timothy B. Hussey make over the rough, stony road to Jerusalem, until we wondered at his power of endurance. Nor could the woeful prophecies of those who knew the delays of the government deter him from pushing forward until success crowned his efforts and our prayers were answered.

We would thankfully acknowledge the receipts of the following from the Haverford Branch of the W. F. Meet. of Friends of Philadelphia.

$5.00 for a child in a day school.
$30.00 for the support of North School.
$10.00 for the Dispensary.

The work of the Training Home has been excellent. Four girls graduated last summer, two of whom are now teaching in our day schools. The other two are in their homes, one taking the place of her mother who died two years ago.

When the school opened in the fall, our enlarged accommodations made it possible to take more girls, and nine new ones were admitted. Such a number coming from homes in which they have no training, gave much additional care and work to Katie Gabriel and her assistants. But it was wonderful how quickly the new comers fell in with the rules and the regulations

orderly way of their new life.

The spirit shown by our girls seems a marvel when we remember the influences that have been around them all their lives. Selfishness, hatred, revenge, cursing, lying and stealing have been practiced before their eyes, and are taught to them. But there has not been a single known case of stealing in the Training Home, and love and kindness are manifested in their lives here. Their Peace Meetings continue to exert a power for good over their young hearts, and the Christian Endeavor Meetings are times of blessing and training in speaking for their Lord.

In their studies they show great earnestness and ambition. When the government inspector visited our school, he gave great praise to Katie Gabriel saying that there is not even a young men's school in the country where the scholars read as well as ours do. In talking and understanding English the girls have made good progress; and they like to read the English papers that come here – The American Friend, The Christian Endeavor World, The Zion's Watchman, and some of the Religious Tract Society's publications. They are very skillful with their needles, and those who have graduated, make and fit their own dresses in a manner that would be creditable to any young woman in America. Though we have so many little ones this year, all the housework is done by the scholars, and they assist in the bread making and kitchen work. The Bible instruction given is most thorough and satisfactory; and numerous texts and passages are committed to memory.

Several new desks were made to accommodate the increased number of pupils, and there have been about one quarter more to feed than we had the previous year.

Besides the twenty-six boarders, we have three day scholars, two of whom are the little daughters of a resident missionary, and the third is a son of one of the Friends who is not able to pay the cost of sending him to the Friends' School at Barnesville.

The helpers and workers employed by the Mission are:

Katie Gabriel, Head Teacher in the Training Home.
Jennie Hishmeh and Anesie Malouf, Teachers
Affeefie Farazella, Teacher in Hope School, Ramallah.
Nazha Rodeslie Teacher in West School, Ramallah.
Martha Totah, Teacher in North School, Ramallah.
Julia Salfeetie, Teacher in Boston School, Ramallah.
Lamya Gibran, Teacher in Jiffneh School.
Rackoot Kirdahie, Teacher in Ophrah School.
Helanie Totah, Teacher in Ain Areek School.
Martha Nusr and Emily Audi, Bible Women.
Malakie Istfan, Cook.
Nicola Makhiel, Man Servant.

Hannah Nusr had to leave us in Twelfth Month to stay for a while with her parents in Lebanon, but we hope she will soon be able to return to us.

Through the kindness of a Philadelphia Friend, Martha Nusr has had an offer of a year's training in nursing in Philadelphia, and feels that she ought to accept such an opportunity for fitting herself to do more for her Master. She expects to go in a few months, and while we sincerely regret to lose her, we cannot but rejoice with her, and pray that the Lord will send her back to us again. She has done a noble work here and has been a great blessing to the Mission and to the women of Ramallah, among whom she has labored earnestly and lovingly. They too will miss her, for she has taught them, advised them helped them with her hands and her needle, and ministered to them in every way she could.

The seven day schools continue their useful work among the children, teaching them little truths and real practical Christianity, as well as the essentials of reading, writing, sewing and other simple studies. The "Boston" School, supported by Boston Friends Bible School, was started last Tenth Month in the north eastern corner of Ramallah, and is well appreciated in that quarter. All the four schools in Ramallah are having an excellent influence among the people. One teacher says, "The children are taught to be kind and polite to strangers;" and the difference between this village and others is very

marked in this respect. Another tells of "a girl who used to speak bad words and disobey her parents, but who does not do so now, but is kind and loving."

The three day schools in the out villages of Jiffneh, Ophrah and Aire Areek are uplifting to those places and exert a power for good in the homes of the children. The box so kindly sent by Purchase Quarterly Meeting, N.Y., for the school at Ophrah, was very acceptable, and was a great encouragement to the teacher and scholars, who highly appreciated their gifts.

Having found a desire on the part of some to read the Bible at home, we are giving all who can read and will do so, a copy of one of the gospels (costing two cents), and have promised the same to the others when they are able to read understandingly. When one gospel is well read we expect to give another, and in this way encourage the reading and study of the Bible. These little books are greatly prized, for the children never owned a book before, and they like to read to their parents and friends.

Seeing a need for our teachers to learn more about their work than they have had opportunity to do, we commenced holding a Teachers Meeting once a month, to talk over methods and improvements and to give them help and encouragement. We also have classes for them in the evenings and have subscribed for a good school journal which contains many useful suggestions.

After carefully considering the work of the Medical Department, Timothy B. Hussey thought best to make a change in the plan of running it, which time has shown to be wise. And though we wish that there could be a true Christian doctor here, one filled with the missionary spirit of doing good, and whose life would tell for Christ among the people, we feel that there is as much work being done as formerly, in a better way, and at one fourth of the expense. The present arrangement

is beneficial to all, the poor receive the help they need, those who can pay have to do so and are not taught to beg; and the doctors and dispensers are learning to be more business like in their dealings. During the last four months 219 persons have been helped at an expense of $53.40. A few more cases of diphtheria and others were in distant villages, necessitating journeys of hours.

During the year twelve people have been sent to the German Hospital in Jerusalem and the arrangement made with them is quite satisfactory. Their charges are small, and the patients receive the best of care and have such good Christian examples before them, that they must be blessed in both body and soul.

The Mothers' Meetings are held three times a week, when Emily Cadie reads and explains the Bible to the poor women who know so little of love in their lives. They learn its precious truths by heart, as they sit on the floor picking over their wheat, twisting yarn, or sewing, for they cannot allow their fingers to be idle. The following items are taken from Emily's record:

"Four of the women present said they had never heard before of the love of Jesus and salvation through him."

"One woman who came for the first time and heard of love and forgiveness, asked, 'Will Jesus accept me if I should come to him?' 'Yes', I said, 'He is ready to receive everyone.' She promised to give her heart to Jesus, and learned the verse, 'Come unto me.'

"A woman was in the meeting this afternoon, and asked if the Christ of whom we were speaking, loved the Mohammedans as well as the Christians. When told that He did, she wanted to know why the Christians have more blessings than the Mohammedans. When I said, 'Because we believe in Him and follow Him,' she asked 'Will He accept me if I come and believe in Him?' After it was explained to her, she said she would give her heart to the Saviour."

Martha Nasr, the Bible Woman and Home Visitor, supported by John Lemley of the Friends Mission, is indeed doing effectual work among the women and children. She is busy in many ways — reading the Bible or telling its teachings, for very few of the people understand book Arabic, and everything has to be explained to them; tending the sick; looking after the needy; making little garments; teaching the women the ways of living, which they need to know so much; doing as to the Lord whatever He shows her to do. And though it seems best for her to leave us for a while, we believe the Lord will supply another worker for this important part of His work.

The Meetings for Worship on First-day mornings are well attended by old and young. Several of the Friends take part acceptably, and the Lord favors us with His presence and spirit.

The Meetings we commenced to hold on Fifth-day evenings, for Bible Study, are times of interest and blessing, and those who attend manifest an earnest desire for more light and knowledge. Even in the village guest chambers, they have been seen looking up the subject and talking it over.

Richard Cadbury's little booklet "What do my Friends believe" has been translated into Arabic and printed and a number of copies distributed among those who attend the meetings; and they were very glad to know the essentials of our belief and are carefully reading them.

The Bible School is in a prosperous condition and has a large attendance of children, who are always ready with the Golden Text and can always tell the subject of the lesson, showing that they have given close attention to their teachers. There is also an interesting class of men under the leadership of Elias Audi.

On Fourth-day evening we hold our Bible School Teachers Meeting and have earnest talks together on the preparation of the lesson and of personal application to ourselves.

The three boxes, filled with living gifts and useful articles for the mission, which the Friends of New England

so kindly sent last fall, were indeed welcome and gladdened all hearts, from the smallest girl to the oldest worker. For we felt very near, just then, to America, as we touched the things which loving hands had prepared and packed for us.

May the blessing of our Heavenly Father be with you richly in your meetings and all your work for Him, is the prayer of your loving friends,

Wilfrid & Della D. Rowntree

Treasurer's Report.

Received for Foreign Mission Work for the Year Ending Sixth Month 1st, 1899.

From Primary Class in New Bedford Bible School	$ .50
" Primary Class in Fall River Bible School	1.00
" Primary Class at Oak Grove School by Mrs. W. A. Estes	10.00
" "Childrens Band" at Belvidere, N. C. by E. H. Johnston	5.00
"A Tenth"	1.00
Friends Sewing Circle, Maple Grove, Me. by S. S. Harlow Sec.	5.00
Pupils at Friends School, Providence	76.50
Children's Band at East Parsonsfield, by M. S. Dearborn	5.00
Sale of Photographs and Flowers from Ramallah	5.75
H. J. Weeks, (toward freight bill)	2.14
A. Chalkley Collins	5.00
Anna Hazzard	25.00
Martha Greaves	10.00
Ellen Collins	20.00
Huldah Gifford	15.00
Lydia E. Jenkins	5.00
Friends at College Park, California by Stephen A. Jones	10.00
Caroline C. Earle	40.00
Robert L. & Evelyn Gifford, Chicago	25.00
Ellen K. Buffum	15.00
Mary E. Kimber	25.00
S. J. S.	75.00
Clara D. Willets, Morrestown, N. J.	10.00
Wm and Susan T. Thompson	25.00
Gideon M. Aldrich	5.00
Ellen M. Jones	[illegible]

Ruth S. Murray	$15.00
Lizzie W. Swan Mite box	5.00
Worcester Thank offering & mite boxes	20.28
Anna Schumacher, Rahway, N.J.	5.00
Peleg P. Aiken	5.00
Sarah Hussey	20.00
Mary A. Evans	20.00
Mrs. Dr. Blickerton, Liverpool	5.00
Charles C. Starbuck, Andover, Mass	1.00
Received	.25
W.F.M. Society, Woonsocket by A.R. Cranston	5.00
Elizabeth B. Alger & Harry Alger	10.50
Interest on Permanent Fund	80.80
Interest on Deposits in National Bank	6.66
By Susan H. Meader, Treasurer W.F.M.S.	
For Pledge	1,200.00
From Etta S. Cates	5.50
By Mary M. Post, President W.F.M.S. of New York Meeting:-	
For Helen Aldrich	5.00
From Lucy Carpenter	10.00
From Caroline Smith	5.00
From Manhattan East Side Mission, N.Y.	15.00
From Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Westbury, L.I.	20.00
Received for support of Girls in Training Home	
From Elizabeth S. Fiske	65.00
Nancy Earle Smith & sister, Caroline Earle	65.00
Emma C. Swift	65.00
Lucretia G. Chase	65.00
Susan M. Seabury and daughters	65.00

For Support of Day Schools.

By Mary L. Chase, for W.F.M.S. of Purchase Quarterly Meeting, for Ophra School	150.00
C.W. Lawrence for New York & Brooklyn Christian Endeavor Societies for Western School	150.00
From F.M. Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting,	

K. M. Brevitt Treasurer – Jiffneh School 140.00
W. F. M. S. of Powale, Mass., Mrs. C. C. Wilber
Treasurer, Ain Areek School 150.00
Martha C. Smith & sisters, Hope School 50.00
Jennie Allyn for Hope School 50.00
S. Aldrich, for Hope School 15.00
David S. Wood, Treasurer Boston Bible
School, for Day School 66.51

From Monthly Meetings

Rhode Island	$23.50
Providence	67.50
Swansea	33.21
Bolton	14.40
China	1.00
Vassalboro	5.00
Winthrop	38.97
Salem	43.00
Boston	47.44
Sandwich	21.00
Westport	10.00
Smithfield (including $65 from Bible School)	77.90
Dartmouth	7.44
Greenwich	6.00
Uxbridge	72.00
Weare	10.50
Parsonsfield	5.00
New Bedford	30.60
Falmouth	9.61
	524.07

From Bible Schools.

Anthony, R. I. Bible School	5.00
Edgebrook, N. J. Bible School	5.00
Northbridge Bible School	15.00
Allens Neck Bible School	9.50
New Bedford	
Mary & Helen Seabury's Classes	10.00
Portland	25.00
Dover	5.00

St. Albans	$2.70	
Bolton	8.64	
Worcester, including $5. from E. Goldsworthy	10.40	
Cleveland, N.Y. Maria T. Mills Class	5.00	
Smiths Neck	5.00	
Casco	2.00	
		$113.24

From Christian Endeavor Societies

Mary S. Paige, Supt. C.E. Missionary Dept.	5.00	
Nonesuchit Junior C.E. Society by Edna Metcalfe	2.00	
Falmouth Monthly Meeting C.E. Society by Ezra Hawkes	5.00	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting C.E. Society by Mabel M. Hoffman	5.00	
Worcester C.E. Society, by Willard E. Swift	5.00	
		$22.00

Expended.

Paid to Wilfrid Annitrue for Missions Expenses	$3,400.88	
Geo. C. Herbert & Co for 500 Reports printed	10.00	
Postage	5.00	
Supplies for Missions sent in box	39.53	
Typewriter for the Missions	36.50	
Seeds for Planting at the Missions	3.25	
Bible Picture Roll	3.72	
Freight on Box to Jaffa	22.14	
		$3,521.02

Receipts

Total amount received from collections	$3,689.70
Donation from a Friend	1,000.00
Amount brought forward from last year	342.56
From Interest on Building Fund	26.05
	$5,008.31

Expended.

Deposited in National Bank	$1000.00	
Total amount expended	3521.02	
Balance in Quinsigamond National Bank	487.29	
		$5,008.31

Total Amount in Permanent Fund.

In New Bedford Five Cent Saving Bank	$2,000.00
In Worcester County Institution for Saving	500.00
Building Fund.	
In Mechanics Savings Bank, Worcester	974.13
	$3,474.13

Sarah J. Swift, Treasurer.

29. Adjourned to 9 o'clock on Second day morning.

30. Second day morning the 12th. Met at 9 o'clock.

31. We are reminded that California Yearly Meeting is now in session, and the Clerk is directed to send a telegram of Christian greeting to that Yearly Meeting.

32. The report of the Committee on Western Indians has been read. This concern, so long on the heart of this Yearly Meeting, comes home to us with freshness and force. We cannot undo the wrongs that have so long been heaped upon this unfortunate people; but we rejoice in the fact that we can, and that our workers in the Indian mission field to bring the true remedy for all the ills and misfortunes of this people, the love of Christ, and that it is being accepted and working its legitimate results in bringing about a better state of civilization and that in place of the savagery that we are accustomed to associate with the Indian character, we are assured of their becoming true Christians, worthy Friends, and even Friend Ministers. The work of this Committee is satisfactory and we desire their encouragement.

Report of Committee on Western Indians.

In reporting the Indian work it is with pleasure that we can say that the Lord has blessed it throughout the year, turning one and another from pagan darkness to Christ, the Light of the world. The annual meeting of the Associate Committee.

on Indian affairs was held at Baltimore, Maryland, Fifth Month 24th and 25th. The meeting was of unusual interest. Five sessions were held besides a very interesting public meeting on the evening of the 24th in Friends meeting house, Eutaw and Monument Street. Pen sketches of Friends work for Indians during the century were ably presented.

Our work spreads over a wide field, from the northeast corner of Indian Territory, where our work in that part of the country first commenced, to portions of Oklahoma Territory, two hundred and fifty miles apart.

George and Ella Hartley continue to superinten the work, often visiting the different mission stations and reporting to us through the chairman of the Committee on Religious and Educational Work.

Two young persons from Ohio, Fred Regan and his wife, felt it laid upon their hearts to visit the different mission stations and work as God might lead. Accordingly several series of meetings were held, not only at the mission stations, but at places near them. Good results followed their service.

Indian Territory is now that part of the United States occupied by the Cherokee, Creek, Chickasaw, Choctaw and Seminole Indians, known as the five civilized tribes, and by several parts of tribes in the Kiowa Agency. All of them, with the exception of the five civilized tribes, have taken their allotments, and the remainder of the reservations have been opened to white settlers. In several places the introduction of whites, who have largely outnumbered the Indians, has been more dangerous to good government than Indians, however wild and uncivilized they may be. The Modocs have suffered much from the lawless whites among them, yet they have maintained their integrity to a remarkable degree. Samuel Clinton, a Modoc and a recorded minister, exercises his gift to the encouragement of his people,

helping to establish them in Christianity. George Harry an Elder, though quite old, exercises his gift in most submission to the will of God, encouraging the many doubtful ones to stand firm in the faith of Christ who alone can keep them from falling.

The Ottawa Mission has been under the care of William and Abbie Haworth since Tenth Month, 1896. A good lively meeting is maintained. The day school has been largely taught by the missionaries, to prevent its falling into the hands of unprincipled white people. Smith Nichols continues faithful to his little flock at Mount Zion.

The Indians at Wyandotte have been discouraged from the fact that they had no place of their own to worship in, in that locality. Some of the Indians raised by subscription $250 and asked the Executive Committee, through George Hartley, to supplement that amount to enough to build a suitable house, which the Committee decided to do. The meeting house will be built in the town of Wyandotte, about one mile from the government school.

Since the Western part of Indian Territory has been set off and made into Oklahoma Territory, the circumstances of these Indians are aggravating in the extreme, and unless they are assisted in the development of the resources of the land upon which they are, they will be confronted more and more with the dread spectre of hunger, and are with that of war. The white man furnishes the Indian with arms and ammunition, provides him with whiskey encroaches upon his reservation, defrauds him of his property, and invades the sanctity of his home. He is often treated with such contempt by the incoming tide of white people that, if unaided by Christian helpers, he would avenge his wrong.

As wards of this nation, Government seeks to civilize them by natural means, but the Indian is very superstitious. Their heathen philosophy so shapes their lives that, in order to turn their attention

to successful civilization, they must have there among them who believe in the existence of the living Heavenly Father, and by His help teach them the true religion of the Son of God. Then they turn rapidly from their pagan ways and become strong in the right. The most discouraging feature of the work of Indian civilization is not in the Indian, but in the lawless white, who is ever prowling about his home. We have several mission stations in Oklahoma Territory among the wilder Indians.

At most places throughout our Indian work Bible Schools have been regularly held. Nearly all afford that portion of Scripture are committed to memory and repeated, such as the twenty-third and the first Psalms and other selections. Some of the schools contribute regularly to the support of mission work. During a series of meetings conducted by Fred and Olive Ryan at the Shawnee Mission where a forenoon Bible School is held, made up largely of pupils from the Government Boarding School, an opportunity was given for testimony. After a number of the older Indians had spoken there came a brief pause when a little girl of seven years arose and said, "Behold the Lamb of God;" then a boy of eight years on the other side of the house deliberately arose, and with so strong an Indian accent that it was difficult to understand him, repeated a lengthy text: another gave John 3:16, others followed and all done with the gravity of more mature years. This illustrates what the Bible Schools are doing for our native Americans. After meeting closed, one little Indian boy stood gazing around the corner of the room where a printed copy of the Lord's Prayer used to hang; when asked what he was looking for, he replied that he did not know how to pray and wanted to find the Lord's Prayer. At the close of the meetings announcement was made that an opportunity was then given for free-will offerings to help Fred Ryan and his wife to continue

the work. A collection of $5.00 was the result. This money had been earned by these children by picking cotton.

John F. Harden reports the Iowas are in mourning for the loss of two Indians by death. One of them was Abraham Lincoln, a Christian, and one of the most understanding men of his tribe. The missionaries often visited and prayed with him, receiving from him the assurance that he was ready to "depart and be with Christ." Willie Shawnee passed away very suddenly; he had been teaching school with good success ten miles from the mission, and was an earnest Christian. Nine years ago he was with Big Jim's Band under the auspices of the Women's Maine Indian Association, and interpreted for the chief. His brother is now teaching in Haskell Institute, one of the largest Government Boarding Schools, near Lawrence, Kansas, where he makes himself felt for good. These young men are the fruit of missionary effort and members of our Society. There is progress along the line at Big Jim's Band. Caroline Blackledge gives us the following account of the conversion of one of these wild Indians. About two years ago Robert Sloat, an Indian, when intoxicated killed two white men while at one of their dances, was arrested and finally sent to the penitentiary; he became sick and was released. Philander and Carrie Blackledge visited him several times and endeavored to show him the way of life through Christ. He seemed quite concerned for his soul, and one night he walked to the Mission, about two and a half miles. While at dinner he said, "I tell you I find it true, what you say; it hold out. You tell me to pray to God and He hear me and forgive me. I do it; I tell Him I feel sorry, I feel bad. Some time in the night I pray to Him; then I feel better just like you said. Then I want to go some place, but can hardly walk, so I pray God to give me strength so I can get there so I go on and pretty soon I feel better, so I walk right along. Then I think what you tell me is true because it holds out all right. Sometimes I pray

in Injin to Injins God, but I feel no better; then I pray to your God and I fell better in here (putting his hand on his heart). Now I leave that bad road. I go there no more. Good road all time. There is a marked change in this Indian and he to has been preaching the Gospel. Through his instrumentality a cousin and others have come out on the Lord's side.

It means a great deal to teach those who have been used to a wild and roving life and with a language wholly foreign to us, the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, we would say, there is danger that our own loved Society, in the present transition state of the work, will fail to appreciate the importance of distinctively missionary work, by virtue of which they may be weaned from their superstition and be led to their acceptance of those fundamental truths which all Christians regard as essential to their welfare.

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings for the use of the Associated Executive Committee is $4,000. We recommend that $525 be appropriated as our quota of that sum.

On behalf of the Committee,

Myra E. Fry.

Treasurer's Report for Committee on Western Indians

Balance from last year	$22.40
Received from Berwick Monthly Meeting Treasurer	3.00
" " Boston " " "	18.95
" " Dartmouth " " "	11.00
" " Falmouth " " "	17.17
" " Greenwich " " "	.50
" " New Bedford " " "	10.00
" " Providence " " "	19.50
" " Rhode Island " " "	8.00
" " Salem " " "	17.00
" " Sandwich " " "	10.00

Received from Smithfield Monthly Meeting Treasurer	$28.00
" " Swansea " " "	15.00
" " Uxbridge " " "	60.09
" " Wayne " " "	2.00
" " Westport " " "	13.00
" " Winthrop " " "	23.71
	$279.82
" " Friends in New Bedford by Edward T. Tucker	$13.75
" " Christian Endeavor Union by M.S. Paige Sept	4.29
" " Portland Bible School	10.00
" " Anthony Bible School	4.87
" Elizabeth N. Hawkes	1.00
Firemen of Westport by E.A. Gifford	7.00
Donation through the hands of Wm A. Newhall	20.00
Donation, Bequest of Electa J. Collins	20.00
	80.71
	$360.73

Paid salary of W.T. Garrett Missionary in Indian Territory to Eighth Month 1st, 1899	$252.00
To Supplement Yearly Meeting's Appropriation	75.00
New Mexico Big Jim's Band	25.00
Balance on hand	8.73
	$360.73

Samuel Buffum, Treasurer.

North Berwick, Me., Sixth Month 5th, 1899.

33. The report of the Committee on Bible Schools has been read and considered. Much work has been done in this line. We especially commend to our members the suggestion of the Committee that more visitation would be a help. And let us make the conscientious inquiry whether there may not be work for us to do in this line, as well as that which of late is so much occupying the thought and purpose of Bible School workers – carrying the Bible School to those who cannot come to it.

Report of Committee on Bible Schools.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your committee at the commencement of the year as it looked over the reports of the various schools and tried to form some idea of its needs, felt that the schools in many places could be helped and new interest awakened if some one whose heart was in the work and who was adapted to it, could visit these schools as a Field-worker, helping them plan and put into operation such methods as it seemed wise and prudent to adopt. With these plans enthusiastically before them and after holding a public meeting in the interest of the work at Newport during the sessions of the Yearly Meeting in which great interest was manifested, we felt that with means already in the Treasurer's hands much would be accomplished in this line of work, but when we looked about us for those who could do the work, we found they were not available. Some whom we felt could do the work wisely were unable to do so on account of poor health and could not leave home; others felt it was not their calling, so the work we saw before us to do has not been done "yet the fields are white unto harvest."

In the Eighth Month the Executive Committee of the Yearly Meeting placed in the hands of the Bible School Committee the published reports of the quinquennial Conference held at Indianapolis, Ind. in 1897, a copy of which was to be sent to the schools at the expense of the Bible School Committee. This has been carried out and each school has been sent a copy with the request that it be placed in their libraries, and if other copies were needed where and how they could obtain them.

Schools— Fifty seven schools have reported at this time. Two schools in Salem Quarterly Meeting which were once Bible Classes have been dropped or are not reported.

One school in Vassalboro Quarter has not been

held the first year but will be open this summer. In Fairfield there is one new school has been organized with an enrollment of 50; three other schools are carried on largely by Friends but not reported.

Enrollment. The enrollment of the 37 schools reported is 4127, showing that the schools as a whole have maintained their standard as to numbers; it is true that in some schools there has been a falling off, while in others there is a marked increase.

Collections. The collections as reported amount to $1876.71, and there has been given to Missionary Purposes the sum of $530.62

Conferences. — Conferences have been held at North Moore, Monmouth, Amesbury, Fall River, and New Bedford. Help has been extended to the Bible Schools at Meadstow, Lawrence, South Pittsfield, Salem and East Vassalboro, in the way of library books, reward Bibles, to help them in their work.

Home Department. The Home Department reported six schools last year; this year there are fourteen schools reporting a Home Department with an enrollment of 310; a gain of 142 members over last year.

Visitation. — There has not been so much visiting of schools as we could wish by the Quarterly Meeting Superintendents, although in one of the Quarterly Meetings, seven out of the nine schools have been visited. We feel that great help is obtained by these visits and would still continue to use the Quarterly Meeting Superintendents to do more of this work that they may know the needs of the schools and endeavor to help them in all ways possible.

The Yearly Meeting Superintendent has visited some schools and attended two Conferences and has endeavored to help in whatever way there has been opportunity. But the work is great and we feel that the effort of every one is needed to help in carrying it forward. No field yields greater returns than the Bible Schools for the work put forth

Let him that teaches the Scriptures feel that his is a high and holy calling, and the prayer of our hearts is that in every forward step in the work of spreading the knowledge of "Him who has called us from darkness into light."

For the Committee

L. M. Douglas, Superintendent

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Bible Schools.
For Year Ending Sixth Month 6th, 1899.

Receipts

In hands of Treasurer, Sixth Month 6th, 1898	$102.50
From Salem Monthly Meeting	15.00
" Boston " "	11.75
" Uxbridge " "	14.00
" Sidney " "	1.00
" Westfield " "	5.00
" Winthrop " "	4.65
" Greenwich " "	1.50
" Swansea " "	3.55
" New Bedford " "	3.00
" Bolton " "	.50
" Smithfield " "	2.35
" Providence " "	3.00
" Weare " "	1.25
" Falmouth " "	3.35
	$154.90

Disbursements

Postage in sending out 57 copies of report of proceedings of Conference of Friends held in Indianapolis, 1897	$7.55
Postage on Record Books, etc.	4.68
Traveling expenses of L. M. Swift	6.00
Books for Bible School at East Vassalboro, Me	10.00
" " " Meaderboro, N. H.	15.00
" " " in Salem Quarterly Meeting at Lawrence, South Pittsfield and Salem	25.00
Record Books	.65
Balance on hand	86.02
	$154.90

Linwood W. Jones, Treasurer.

Bible School Statistical Report.

Key to Lesson Helps. A. Friends Publications. B. W. C. Wild & Co. C. S.S. Journal, Eaton & Mains. D. Peloubet's. E. Mrs. Kennedy's. F. Bosan. G. David Cook. I, Pilgrim.

Quarterly Meeting	Location of School	Local Superintendent's Name and Address	Monthly Meeting	Month of School	Membership of School	Average Attendance	No. of Classes	No. of Friends	Are Teachers Members of Meeting Here	Volumes in Library	Books added during the year	Lesson Helps Used	Kinds of Papers used	Temperance Service	Peace Lessons	Do children pay school expenses?	Amount of Collection	Amount Given to Missionary Work for year
Rhode Island	Anthony	Byron C. Salisbury, Anthony, R.I.	Greenwich	12	60	36½	5	25	No	112	-	A	3	...	...	no	$36.02	$9.17
	E. Greenwich	Lydia E. Drinkwater, E. Greenwich, R.I.	Greenwich	12	11	8	1	...	...	...		A	...	...	...	...	...	
	Fall River	Helen A. Skinner, 451 Durfee St, Fall River	Swansea	12	101	48¾	11	34	No	308	1	B. C. G.	2	4	...	yes	76.32	17.12
	Newport	Alfred Cornell, 56 Second St, Newport	Rhode Island	12	61	39	6	24	No	319	7	B. C. G.	2	4	...	no	36.63	10.94
	Portsmouth	Fred Hormon, Portsmouth, R.I.	Rhode Island	12	52	34	6	49	No	600	none	D	1	No	No	no	14.32	3.00
	Providence	Hattie N. White, 257 Highland Av., Providence	Providence	3	37	28	...	36	...	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	8.30	7.40
	Saylesville	Thomas J. Jackson, Lime Rock, R.I.	Providence	12	30	17	3	20	...	...	...	A.	1	...	...	yes	16.06	5.60
	So. Somerset	Ralph Earle, Dighton, Mass.	Swansea	12	124	52½	10	...	...	290	...	...		...	...	yes	57.62	4.76
	Fruitvale	Nancie Chace, Assonet, Mass. Box 112	Swansea	12	25	16	3	15	No	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Warwick	William J. Sayre, Fall River, Mass. Box 240	Greenwich	12	27	18	2	5	No	48	none	A	...	...	...	No	5.87	...
Salem	Amesbury	Daniel C. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.	Amesbury	12	59	30	5	...	No	288	15	A. B.	4	2	0	no	$41.82	12.77
	Boston	Thomas Wood, 4 Gleason St., Dorchester, Mass.	Boston	12	62	41	7	...	yes	350	2	D.	1	...	...	no		60.58
	East Lynn	Elmer E. Metzger, 6 Isabella St, Lynn	Salem	12	205	108	23	58	yes	360	0	D.	2	...	...	yes	87.50	10.52
	Hunniker, N.H.	Dana E. Huntington, Hunniker, N.H.	Weare	12	24	18	3	11	...	150	0	G. I.	2	4	1	yes	22.87	7.65
	Lawrence	Stephen Sweet, Ayers Village, Mass.	Boston	12	110	80	8	45	...	200	0	A.	1	2	2	No	210.00	17.50
	Lynn	Geo. E. Herbert, 17 Chatham St, Lynn	Salem	12	123	62½	12	47	...	840	2	B. D. E.	1	...	...	yes	77.71	22.54
	North Weare	Lindley H. Farr, No. Weare, N.H.	Weare	12	37	16	3	24	...	527	7	A.	2	4	...	...	14.81	6.18
	Salem	Irving E. Bliss, 200 Highland Av. Salem, Mass.	Salem	12	27	22	3	22	...	115	15	A.	4	...	1	yes	23.10	6.75
	So. Pittsfield	Albert W. Peaslee, So. Pittsfield, N.H.	Amesbury	12	54	33	6	15	No	129	1	A.	2	...	1	yes	25.74	5.06

Bible School Statistical Report — Continued

Quarterly Meeting	Location of School	Local Superintendent's Name and Address	Monthly Meeting	Months of School	Average membership of School	Average Attendance	No. of classes	No. of Friends	Are Teachers Members of Meeting held?	Volumes in Library	Books added during the year	Sums Helped Need	Amount of Reference Work	Teachers present Sunday	Have Schools Day Classes?	Are Collections taken?	Amount of Collections	Amount given for Missionary Purposes
New Bedford	Allens Neck	L. Lillian Allen, Dartmouth, Mass.	Dartmouth	3	80	39	9	23	Yes	....	...	....	2	1	..	Yes	3.89	.60
	Smiths Neck	Elbridge L. Tabner, So. Dartmouth Mass	Dartmouth	9½	49	29½	6	15	...	....	...	G.	3	2	..	...	27.72	3.93
	Central Village	John C. Taylor, Central Village, Mass.	Westport	12	31	23	5	32	...	....	...	A. B.	1	...	..	No	29.84	27.16
	Rapid River	Mary E. Gifford Central Village Mass.	Westport	9	24	12½	3	3	No	100	None	D	1	4	..	No	8.50	....
	Long Plain	Richard Davis, Long Plain, Mass.	New Bedford	12	32	18	3	20	...	436	8	A	2	3	..	Yes	20.00	20.00
	Acushnet	Adelaide V. Wilber, Acushnet, Mass.	New Bedford	12	13	10	1	6	No	350	...	A	1	...	..	No	....	....
	Rockville	Frederick Taber New Bedford Mass	New Bedford	7	84	49	6	..	...	560	24	....	1	...	..	No	48.47	10.97
	Mattapoisett	Joshua L. Macomber, Mattapoisett Mass.	New Bedford	12	18	13	2	7	Yes.	583	18	A.	5	12	12	No	....	...
Falmouth	Casco	S. Alfred Hall, Casco, Me.	Windham	12	16	11	2	4	No	80	2	A. D	...	...	No	No	7.60	3.00
	Deering	William J. Hacker, Westbrook, Me	Falmouth	12	34	15	4	23	...	209	7	D.	3	...	...	...	...	...
	E. Durham	Mahlon D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me	Durham	12	37	24	4	10	No	175	...	D.	1	...	...	...	14.23	4.36
	Lewiston	Frank J. Cook, 56 Elm St. Lewiston Me.	Lewiston	12	72	37	7	33	...	275	20	A.	...	...	...	Yes	29.65	....
	Portland	M. M. Bailey Portland, Me.	Falmouth	12	135	89	9	75	No	373	31	A	...	...	...	No	181.01	84.00
	So. Durham	Geo. H. Cox, South Durham, Me	Durham	12	81	37	7	52	Yes	218	0	D.	1	1	No	Yes	46.27	9.51
	Windham	Miriam Cartland, Windham Center Me.	Windham	12	68	25	5	36	No.	331	16	....	2	...	...	No	14.18	5.36
Smithfield	Bolton	Alfred Dorr, Bolton, Mass.	Bolton	12	63	33	6	40	No	320	3	A	4	4	1	Yes	18.39	4.57
	Uxbridge	D. P. Atherton, Uxbridge, Mass	Uxbridge	12	27	28	3	3	No	298	6	A.	...	...	...	...	19.52	16.13
	Worcester	Geo. W. Phillips, 61 Lancaster St. Worcester Mass	Uxbridge	12	48	28	4	...	No	381	3	A	4	...	...	...	42.99	36.21
	Woonsocket	James E. Read, Woonsocket, R.I.	Smithfield	12	127	70	10	...	....	589	...	A	...	...	...	...	189.62	

Bible School Statistical Report — Continued.

Academy Dist.	Location of School	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting.	Months of School	Membership of School	Average Attendance	No. of Classes	No. of Friends	Are Teachers Meetings Held	Volumes in Library	Books added during the year	Lesson Helps Used	Kinds of Papers Used	Temperance Lessons	Peace Lessons	Is C. Children's Day Observed?	Amount of Collections	Amount Given for Missionary Purposes
Vassalboro	E. Vassalboro	Annie M. Priest, E. Vassalboro, Me	Vassalboro	12	55	22	4	40	Yes	117	5	----	0	4	---	Yes	11.45	6.28
	Lake View	Geo. E. Roberts, China, Me.	China	12	38	18¾	4	11	---	80	0	D	---	---	---	Yes	8.87	1.00
	Maple Grove	Jonathan Estes, Sprague Mills, Me	Maple Grove	12	40	22	3	11	---	100	---	B.	1	---	---	---	7.24	1.00
	So. China	J. Albert Jones, So. China, Me	China	12	62	42	5	40	No	---	---	A. G.	3	4	---	Yes	16.44	1.00
	Unity	Ruel Willey, Unity, Me	Unity	12	34	20	4	29	---	62	2	G	1	---	---	---	3.58	---
	China Neck	No School held the past year	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Dover	Dover, N.H.	Emma F. Jones, Box 365, Dover, N.H.	Dover	12	23	12½	2	16	No	251	0	A	No	No	No	No	23.39	5.00
	Gonic, N.H.	Annie E. Moulton, Gonic, N.H.	Dover	12	36	25½	4	28	No	253	28	A	2	4	No	No	62.21	10.00
	Meaderboro	Owen M. Varney, Merrill, N.H.	Dover	12	26	13	2	16	No	---	---	D	1	---	---	---	17.94	----
	No. Berwick	Wm T. Hussey, No. Berwick, Me	Berwick	12	7	---	1	7										
Fairfield	Augusta	James Plummer, Winthrop St. Augusta	Winthrop	12	62	27	5	8	---	84	---	B	3	---	---	No	14.91	
	Ctr. Sidney	Chester G. Freeman, West Sidney, Me.	Sidney	12	54	17	4	12	---	337	5	---	---	4	---	---	6.47	.22
	Hallowell	Geo. F. Morse, Hallowell, Me.	Winthrop	12	16	---	---	8	---	---	---	A	1	---	---	No	6.35	---
	Manchester	Alfred Hawkes, Manchester, Me.	Winthrop	12	42	31	3	34	---	125	---	A	2	4	---	No	23.72	10.30
	No. Fairfield	Geo. Puddock, No. Fairfield, Me.	Sidney	12	43	16½	5	20	----	150	---	B.	---	4	---	No	7.05	
	Winthrop Ctr.	Elwood A. Bailey, Winthrop, Me.	Winthrop	12	157	74	12	95	---	400	---	A. G.	---	4	---	No	136.72	65.15
	W. Gardiner	Martha B. Osborne, Manchester, Me.	Winthrop	12	19	12½	2	10	---	---	---	C. F.	---	---	---	---	5.63	
	St. Albans	Mabel Hoffman, St. Albans, Me.	St. Albans	12	35	19½	4	35	No.	80	None	A.	1	No	No	No	11.90	6.58
	Winthrop	C. I. Bailey, Winthrop, Me.	Winthrop	3	80	58	6	10	---	No	---	----	---	---	---	---	13.69	---
Parsonsfield	E. Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland, E. Parsonsfield, Me	Parsonsfield	12	39	25	3	23	No	282	7	A	4	---	---	No	22.50	7.00
	No. Sandwich	Ira B. Tilton, Wornabancet, N.H.	Sandwich	12	44	20	3	27	No	---	---	A	1	---	---	---	13.28	

34. The report of the Committee on Finance has been read and considered. The present method of envelope collections places the work of the various concerns of the meeting upon the individual conscience so far as relates to financial support. Recognizing the fact that our substance is held in trust, let us have respect to the coming accounting of our stewardship.

Report of Committee on Finance:

To the Yearly Meeting:

The year shows a falling off in the contributions through the Monthly Meetings for the work of all the Committees except one, and the total decrease from last year is about $450. The past year has been a hard one financially to many, but as business in general seems improving, it is hoped that this loss will be more than made up in the next year's receipts. The Monthly Meetings of Boston, Westport, Uxbridge and Smithfield have exceeded the quotas called for, while no contributions are reported from Amesbury, Durham, Kendham, Lewiston, Unity, Maple Grove, Dover, St. Albans and Sandwich, N. H. But small as the amount reported seems, it must be remembered that this table represents only the contributions through the envelope system, some of the Committees reporting considerable amounts raised in other ways and expended for their work.

In accordance with Minute 52 of 1897, we recommend the same apportionment of Yearly Meeting expense among our Quarterly Meetings as last year, which is as follows:

Rhode Island	22 1/4 %	Salem	18 1/2 %
Sandwich	20 1/4 %	Falmouth	8 3/4 %
Smithfield	6 1/4 %	Vassalboro	5 1/2 %
Dover	4 %	Fairfield	12 1/2 %
Parsonsfield	2 %		

Contributions from the several Monthly Meetings towards the benevolent work carried on by the Yearly Meeting.

Monthly Meetings	Gospel Work	Foreign Missions	Western Indians	Freedmen	Bible School Work	Suppression of Liquor Traffic	Education	Peace	Totals	Amount Called for.
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting										
Rhode Island	$10.00	$23.50	$8.00						$41.50	$358.22
Greenwich	5.00	6.00	.50		1.00	.25		2.50	15.25	92.12
Swansea	28.70	33.21	15.50	4.90	3.55	3.25	2.55	3.25	94.91	286.58
Providence	9.00	67.50	19.50	20.00	3.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	140.00	286.58
Salem Quarterly Meeting										
Salem	51.00	43.00	17.00	22.00	15.00	13.00	2.91	14.00	177.91	451.03
Amesbury										170.20
Weare	3.50	10.50	2.00		1.25	1.25		1.00	19.50	144.67
Boston	47.45	47.44	18.95	9.21	4.75	6.17	4.75	6.15	144.87	85.10
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting										
Sandwich Mass	6.00	21.00	10.00	11.00		6.00		8.00	62.00	139.73
Dartmouth	12.00	7.44	11.00			6.00			36.44	93.15
Westport	40.00	10.00	13.00	10.00	5.00	10.00		5.00	93.00	55.89
New Bedford	15.40	30.60	10.00	8.00	3.00	3.40	1.00	1.00	72.40	642.73
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting										
Falmouth	15.61	9.61	17.17	2.38	3.35	3.35	2.48	2.47	56.42	177.10
Durham										100.62
Windham										84.53
Lewiston										40.25
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.										
Smithfield	10.33	77.90	28.00	1.00	2.35	7.16	1.75	3.75	132.24	126.50
Uxbridge	56.05	72.00	60.09	18.55	4.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	227.69	129.37
Bolton	4.00	14.40			.50	.50			19.40	31.63

Monthly Meetings	Gospel Work	Foreign Missions	Western Indians	Freedmen	Bible School Work	Suppression of Liquor Traffic	Education	Miscellaneous	Totals	Amount Called for
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting.										
Vassalboro	4.00	5.00							9.00	126.50
China		1.00							1.00	88.55
Unity										37.95
Maple Grove										
Dover Quarterly Meeting										
Dover										110.40
Berwick			3.00						3.00	73.60
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting										
Sidney					1.00				1.00	$115.00
Winthrop	11.30	38.91	23.71	5.00	4.65	10.00	28.00		121.63	431.25
St. Albans										28.75
Farmington Quarterly Meeting.										
Farmington		5.00							5.00	61.33
Sandwich N. H.										30.67
Totals	$329.34	$524.07	$257.42	12.04	52.40	80.33	37.44	61.12	$1474.16	4,600.00
Last year									1917.03	

For the Finance Committee
D. P. Atherton, Secretary.

Portland, Sixth Month 12th, 1899.

35. Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

36. Met as per adjournment.

37. The claims of the American Friend have been presented to us at this time; and this meeting feeling that the paper is one which should receive the support of our membership and reach all our families and become a fuller means of church information, it is recommended that Clerks of Monthly Meetings not only secure and

forward subscriptions, but that they communicate such items of information as may be helpful and interesting.

38. The report of the Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic has been read. The influence of the drink Evil as a deterrent in civilization confronts us from year to year, and how steadfastly we may have maintained our testimony in this matter, there is a crying need for us to double our diligence in warfare to the death against the monster that menaces the progress of the race, the sanctity and happiness of the home and the well being of society.

The report is satisfactory to the meeting and the resolutions recommended are adopted. The Clerk is directed to sign and forward them to the President and Secretary of War respectively.

Report of the Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

To the Yearly Meeting:

From the information furnished by the different members of the committee, we present the following report:

About 25,000 pages of literature have been distributed - some among the Indians, some in the camps of soldiers, and more in railroad depots, jails, reading rooms, houses of refuge and a state reform school. One reports a table supplied with temperance literature for the use of all who wish it. Another reports that twenty five weekly and monthly temperance papers are subscribed for and distributed.

More than seventeen temperance lectures and addresses have been given besides the presentation of the subject at Bible Schools and Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavors. One minister holds meetings every week under the auspices of the Gospel Mission.

In another place quite a little has been done with Sewall's charts in public schools.

An Anti Saloon League has been formed in two localities. The purpose of this organization is to furnish a place where young men may spend their evenings instead of visiting the saloons.

From another quarter comes the report of much personal work in efforts to influence drunkards and drunkard makers to abandon their practices.

In some cases members of the committee have in addition to appropriations made from the treasury, given liberal sums for the benefit of temperance work in New England.

While there are many hopeful signs in the temperance field, in that our members are quite generally interesting themselves in the work, and many have given active and enthusiastic service for the cause, we feel that much that we might do is left undone. We would therefore urge upon each individual the necessity of more earnest endeavor.

The Committee feels that the Yearly Meeting should as a body, emphatically denounce the outrageous action of the Attorney General in seeking to nullify the act of Congress which abolished the army canteen. The President and his official advisers should be distinctly given to understand that the Christian people of this nation will no longer stand continuous compromising with the liquor power on the part of their public servants, and the Friends' Church should not lag behind other denominations in expressing their disapproval. We submit the accompanying resolutions for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, and if the meeting sees fit to adopt them, we suggest that a copy be sent to the President of the United States and to the Secretary of War.

For the Committee,

Adeline F. Chace, Secretary.

Portland, Me., Sixth [illegible] 12th, 1899

Resolutions

Whereas, The Attorney General has practically nullified the Act of Congress which abolished the army canteen,

Be it Resolved, First, - That the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England emphatically denounces this act of the Attorney General.

Second, That we join heartily with other denominations who have protested against the course pursued by many public officials in compromising with the liquor power.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$34.42
Received from 15 Monthly Meetings	80.33
	$114.75

Expenditures.

Paid Mary A. Chase, Supt of Literature	$25.50
Paid Hannah J. Bailey, Supt of Lectures	20.00
Paid Adeline F. Chase, Ass't Supt of Lectures	25.00
Balance on hand	44.25
	$114.75

Respectfully submitted,
Elisha F. Read, Treasurer.

Nantucket, R.I. Eighth Month 5th, 1899.

Note. - For a detailed statement of receipts of Monthly Meetings, see report of Financial Secretary.

39. The delegates appointed to attend the National Temperance Congress at Staten Island, gave an interesting verbal report.

40. The Committee on Freedmen have presented their annual report, which is satisfactory. It presents the claims of a very needy field and Friends are urged to remember it in the direction of financial aid. We wish to place upon record our sentiment

of utter abhorrence of the custom which prevails to such an alarming extent in the South of setting aside the majesty of the law in criminal cases a lapse into barbarism which is not less a crime than that which it seeks to redress

Report of Committee on Freedmen.

The following report from the principal of our Normal Institute at Maryville, Tennessee, presents such phases of the work and its needs that your Committee earnestly recommend the usual financial aid of a sum not less than $500, together with liberal offerings from Monthly Meetings and other sources.

Annual Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute Maryville, Tenn.

Number of Days Taught	189
Number Enrolled	256
Per cent of Attendance	78.2
Number of Boarders in the Building	75.
Number of Teachers in the Training Class	107
Number Graduating in the Elementary Course	5.

We present our annual report with the assurance that the Father has had us in His keeping throughout the past year, that His mercy has been extended to us in a peculiar manner, and while impressed with the realization of our own insufficiency and unworthiness we feel confident that the work is His, and that He will prosper it in the way that will most benefit His cause. At our last meeting of the students many new pledges were made for more earnest Christian work. Testimonies were given and petitions were sent up to the Father that the summer might be spent in a crusade against sin in any form by teaching, both by example and precept, the way of right living

The need of a spirit of unity was especially impressed upon them. Throughout the entire year the inculcation of peace principles has required ceaseless vigilance, the impetuous nature of the

colored people being so easily wrought upon by the excitement of war.

The negro problem and how it is to be solved is a subject that is just now especially agitating the public mind, both North and South. The Northern was largely instrumental in freeing the negro, and in his enthusiasm gave him the right of suffrage long before he was fitted for it. The mistake was made by an intelligent people. The poor, uneducated colored man could scarcely be expected to do better; he has made many mistakes. Freedom, to him, has meant liberty to indulge his love for display, his appetite, his passions, and often liberty to rear his children to be as independent of restraint as his former young master, the outcome of which is the startlingly frequent occurrence of that barbarous crime, lynching, which is blotting the name of the fair South land, and affording a poor example for a Christian nation to present to the less civilized portion of the world.

If the negro is ever to be redeemed from ignorance to intelligence, from vice to virtue, from sin to holiness it must be done through thorough training in Christian schools; and his hand must be educated right along with his mind and heart. He must be taught to have the same or greater pride in his excellence in manual labor as in his proficiency in Latin and Greek. He must be taught how to save and spend what he earns; how to care for his person, clothing and property; he needs to understand that he elevates himself in helping to build up each individual of his race.

Perhaps no one people did more towards bringing freedom to the slave than did the Society of Friends, nor have they shirked the responsibility that this freedom imposed upon them. They have given most liberally of their means and time. There are yet abundant opportunities along the same line. They are still realize the great need of the colored

people at this period when they need the most careful handling to lead them safely over the dangers that beset anyone who has had only a taste of knowledge. There must be personal interest, personal service, and the strong must carry the weak. In proportion as God has given us wealth culture or intelligence, just in that degree does He require us to impart the same to our fellow-men. God give us wisdom to use His gifts as He wills.

As the years come and go, changes in the conditions and needs of our students make corresponding changes necessary in our institution. Many young colored people in seeking to obtain an education ask for a chance to earn their way. They would be willing to pay if they could, but as that is impossible they ask for work; and it would give us just the opportunity we are desiring, to train them rightly, if only we had the help to start a much needed Industrial Department. As a beginning we intend to form a Boarding Club next term. The old system of self boarding, while it is cheaper, gives them no systematic training, often allows those who have means to indulge their appetites to the detriment of their health, and those who have not sufficient means often stint themselves until they become objects of pity; or, what is more pitiable, not unfrequently they are driven by the pangs of hunger to put their hands in their neighbors skillet. Letters are received in abundance similar to the following extract from one written by a Virginia girl. "Do you take work students? If so, I would like to come as one and if not I would like to come on the lowest terms possible, as I have no mother and my father has a large family. If there is any possible chance of my coming as a work student, I would like to do so."

The following letter shows the mother love. "I ask you this as I am a very needy woman and have several fatherless children and no one

to do for them but myself, though I have blind husband, but I was a widow when I married him. I thought I would have some one to help me, but we were not married very long till he went blind, so I am in a worse condition than I was before, so this is my question I ask of you. I want to know if there would be any chance for me to send my little girl to your school on this condition; let her work part of her way in school and I do what you think I ought to in other ways. I will say, if she is mine, that she is a nice little fourteen year old girl and can give good reference. Please answer soon and remember I am a very poor colored woman, work for my living. Please do the best you can for me as I am very anxious for my girl to go to your school, as I understand it is the best school in the state." Such pleas are common and we always take and provide for all that we possibly can, yet the demand is far greater than our ability to provide. What shall we do?

L. H. Garner, Principal.

Sixth Month 8th, 1899.

Your committee has deeply felt the injustice of the practice of persecuting the colored people in the South, and we ask the Yearly Meeting to record its protest against the cruel lynchings that have been tolerated there.

By direction of the Committee.
Robert P. Gifford, Secretary.

Financial Statement.

Receipts

Yearly Meeting Appropriation	$500.00
Offerings from Monthly Meetings	112.04
Henry Camp Fund Income	60.00
Yearly Meeting's Christian Endeavor Union	4.30
Portland Bible School	10.00
Other Donations	91.50
From George Sturge Fund	1,460.00
	$2,237.84

Expenditures.

Paid to Students from George Sturge Fund,		
Fall term $398.93 Spring term $1,061.07		$1460.00
Paid L. H. Garner on services account		777.34
		$2,237.34

Robert P. Gifford, Treasurer.

Portland, Sixth Month 12th, 1899.

41. The Trustees of the George Sturge, B. F. Knowles and Henry Camp Funds presented their reports as follows;

Report of Trustees of George Sturge, B. F. Knowles and Henry Camp Funds.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:

Samuel R. Buffington, Augustine Jones, Rebecca H. Smiley, Ellen K. Buffum, Susan T. Thompson and James H. Chace, Trustees of the George Sturge, Benjamin F. Knowles and Henry Camp Funds, report as follows:

Financial Statement of George Sturge Trust.

Balance from last year	$33.57
Coupons paid Seventh Month 1st, 1898	727.50
Coupons paid First Month 1st, 1899	727.50
Interest on Deposit to Fifth Month 1st, 1899	12.07
	$1,500.64

Expenditures

Assisting students during the school year 1898-99	$1,460.00
Rent of Box in Rhode Island Safe Deposit	10.00
Balance to new account	30.64
	$1,500.64

Benjamin F. Knowles Fund.

Reported last year	$303.79
Proceeds of Willimantic Linen Company Stock, sold Third Month 1899	190.22
Accrued interest to Fifth Month 1st, 1899	8.07
Present amount deposited in the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., Providence, R. I.	$502.08

Henry Camp Fund.

Receipts

Interest on Mortgage for $1,000.00 for one year $60.00

Expenditures

Paid to Committee on Freedmen Ninth Month 22d $30.00

Paid to Committee on Freedmen Fourth Month 15th, 1899 30.00

$60.00

On behalf of the Trustees,

James H. Chace

Augustine Jones.

Providence, Fifth Month 22d, 1899.

42. Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

43. Third day morning the 13th. Met according to adjournment.

44. We have present with us this morning our friends John Wilhelm Rowntree, accompanied by Alfred Neave Brayshaw, a minister, who are travelling in our country making themselves acquainted with means employed in the promulgation of gospel truth. They have presented a minute of unity from York Monthly Meeting of Friends, England. They are welcomed, with the desire that they may be one with us in the freedom of the Gospel.

45. The records of the Executive Meeting were read. The doings of that Meeting are approved and endorsed by this Meeting.

46. The Queries with a summary of answers compiled from answers submitted by our Quarterly Meetings have been read.

In entering upon the self examination which this exercise calls for, we have felt the need of coming near to the feet of the Master and pressing the questions home to our individual hearts. The second Query in particular struck the key note to the whole. Pure love will bear no

room for lapses in the various other matters about which we are questioned. The settlement of differences between man and man requires a free and genuine confession on the part of the offender, which will not often fail of producing the desired results. Our attention was called to the saying of our Lord "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The overshadowing and all embracing love of God is the moving power of the world. Without it our efforts are futile; with it, we can with the apostle "do all things." Backed by it our ministry is a power; without it, it is sounding brass. Filled with that love, we may learn the sweet lesson of how to hear, as well as how to speak. It is much to be able to hear the faintest whisper from the lips of our God. "Take heed how ye hear" not alone the word of the messenger, but the inspeaking word in the silence of all flesh.

It is a beautiful experience to which our attention has been called, that when the outward senses become dimmed from age the ear may yet be so delicately attuned to the heavenly harmonies, that love will always be recognized.

Given a filling with the Spirit, as in Pentecostal days, the effect would become apparent in all the avenues of church life and even in the statistical returns to our annual meeting.

Love finds its way to the heart sealed to all other influences. Even the savage, reared to obey the impulses of hate and revenge, is susceptible to the gentle influences of love, and he becomes a new man and blessed are they who have been used of the Master in guiding his feet in the way of peace. Let us seek to be delivered from taking offence as well as giving offence. Accepting love as the mainspring of all Christian effort, what have we to do in respect to the sparsely settled districts in New England? Have we listened wisely? Have we heard clearly? Are we obeying cheerfully? Are we ready to say

with Fox "I am clear." We are our brothers' keepers and with our individual hearts responsive to the voice of God, the aggregation of such hearts will make a church whose influence cannot fail to produce a change in communities. The love of Christ will lead us patiently to suffer all things, considering Him who endured such great contradiction of sinners, lest we be weary and faint in our minds. If differences arise, as they will do, let us minify them, let us ignore them, let us be especially careful that they be not allowed to become a subject of gossip — further, that such gossip be repulsive to us as the followers of Christ. Let us cultivate the spirit of love as a cohesive power in family, church, and community relations. May we become cleansed in all these matters and fully equipped for our legitimate work.

Answers to the Queries.

I. Our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held, with many exceptions on account of inclement weather and sickness. First day meetings generally well attended, mid week meetings and meetings for discipline much neglected by some. Have generally observed.

II. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained among us, and detraction generally guarded against. Where differences arise endeavors are used to end them speedily. Our meetings report no differences.

III. Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

IV. We believe our members frequently read the Holy Scriptures, individually and collectively in their families, encouraging their children and others in the daily practice of this duty. Our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry is generally maintained.

V. Friends are generally careful to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, four Quarterly Meetings reporting an aggregate of thirteen cases. With few exceptions, are careful to avoid amusements inconsistent with a Christian character and to observe true moderation.

VI. The circumstances of the poor are duly inspected and their necessities relieved.

VII. Four Quarterly Meetings report not clear as to military matters, and seven Quarterly Meetings report not clear as to oaths. No instances of defrauding the public revenue.

VIII. With few exceptions Friends are careful to observe the several parts of this query.

IX. Clear in regard to records. Not wholly clear as to certificates of removal.

X. The discipline is administered in Christian tenderness, and impartially but not always timely.

47. Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon

48. Afternoon. Met according to adjournment.

49. The Committee having charge of the disbursement of the H. H. Mosher Fund have made a satisfactory report, viz:

Report of the Committee on the Disbursement of the H. H. Mosher Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

Your Committee thought it well this year to enlarge their subscription to the "American Friend" and consequently have distributed nearly 350 copies The number of copies of the "Missionary Advocate" taken is 75, the same as last year.

One hundred copies of the "Life of Isaac Sharp" have been distributed, and few books that have passed through the hands of the Committee have seemed to conform more exactly to the directions of H. H. Mosher's will, or to be more satisfactory to the recipients.

Two other books were also examined with a view to their distribution, but after consideration it was

thought best not to purchase them.

For the Committee.

D. P. Atherton, Secretary.

H. H. Mosher Fund, Treasurer's Account.

Receipts

Balance from former account	$77.03
Received from Trustee	600.00
	$677.03

Payments.

347	copies of "American Friend"	$466.65
75	" Missionary Advocate	37.50
9	" "In His Name" (for examination)	1.69
110	" "Isaac Sharp"	112.25
36	" Cripple Tom	2.47
36	What the Society of Friends Believe	
36	Experimental Understanding of the Bible	
Postage, express and other expenses		8.95
Balance to new account		47.52
		$677.03

John Ellwood Paige, Treasurer.

Lynn, Sixth Month 6th, 1899.

Report of Trustee of the H. H. Mosher Fund, 1899.

Dr.

Balance reported last year		$13,692.40
Interest on City of Boston Bond	$500.00	
Interest New Bedford Institution for Savings	51.02	
Interest Lynn Institution for Savings	96.10	
		647.12
		$14,339.52

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11th Month 8th, 1895.

Paid to Treasurer of Book Committee $250.00

5th Month 10th, 1899

Paid to Treasurer of Book Committee 350.00

$600.00

Balance Sixth Month 1899 $13,739.52

Funds now invested as follows:

One of City of Boston Water Loan Bond	$10,000.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	1,314.73
Lynn Institution for Savings	2,424.79
	13,739.52

Charles M. Bailey
Olney T. Meader } Trustees.
Joseph D. Ford

60. The Committee on Peace have presented their report which is satisfactory. Notwithstanding the fact that our own country has been and is now engaged in warfare, we are confident in the belief that on the whole the sentiment of peace is on the increase. May we not slacken our hands in our efforts to uphold the ancient testimony of our people, founded on the teaching of Christ. Accompanying the above report is the thirtieth annual report of the Peace Association of Friends in America, which has been read.

Report of Committee on Peace.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

Although the past year has been one of almost continual warfare for our country, yet we believe there is much to encourage us in the magnanimous effort to promote the cause and promulgate the principles of "Peace on earth and good will toward men." The subject is now attracting the attention of all the civilized world as never before. The Conference called by Nicholas II, Czar of Russia, for the purpose of considering the policy and practicability of a reduction of armaments in the nations, and of looking towards the possibility of settling international disputes by peaceful means, is, we consider, one of the greatest events of the century, which is now so nearly at its close. Reports from that conference, now in session at the Hague in Holland, are at present most hopeful for our blessed cause. It seems as if at least the beginning of a chain of influences has been inaugurated

that will finally bring about the golden age prophesied of, when "Nation shall no more lift up sword against nation."

Several members of your Committee have circulated petitions to the United States delegation asking its influence to secure a recommendation to the powers to institute an International Court of Justice to which international disputes could be referred for settlement. Some of us have signed documents expressing gratitude and commendation to the Czar for issuing his manifesto.

The Chairman of this Committee Benjamin F. Trueblood, is now at the Hague exerting an influence with the members of the Conference in the interests of continuous peace.

Much personal work has been done by other members of your Committee. Fifty copies of the "Advocate of Peace" have been subscribed for by the committee and are sent to ministers, teachers, statesmen and other influential persons. More than 25,000 pages of literature in the interests of peace have been distributed and several public meetings have been held, one of which was held here between two sessions of the Yearly Meeting and was addressed by our Friends Augustine Jones and Rufus M. Jones in an able and impressive manner. One was held at Newport last year and addressed by William G. Hubbard under the auspices of this committee, which has not yet been reported. We have not until recently had sufficient means in our treasury with which to pay the necessary expenses usually needed in arranging for public meetings, hence not many have been held; but some money has lately come in which will probably be expended in promoting the work in this way.

We desire that you will help us by your prayers, your influence and your effort in all practical ways to hasten the time when "men shall learn war no more."

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

Hannah J. Bailey

Portland, Me., Sixth Month 13th, 1899.

Peace Committee of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Treasurer's Report.

Received Salem Monthly Meeting		$14.00
Sandwich " "		8.00
Westport " "		5.00
Swansea " "		8.25
Boston " "		6.15
Uxbridge " "		6.00
Providence " "		8.00
Smithfield " "		8.75
Greenwich " "		2.50
Weare " "		1.00
Falmouth " "		2.47
New Bedford " "		1.00
Amount from last year	18.02	
		$79.14
Paid the American Peace Society		25.00
Balance on hand		$54.14

Thomas Ward, Treasurer.

Portland, Sixth Month 10th, 1899.

51. The report of the Treasurer, verified by the Auditing Committee, is as follows:-

Report of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

1895 Receipts.

6th Mo. 13th. Balance on hand as per auditors findings of this date		$442.63
From Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting for its quota of stock ordered by the Yearly Meeting, Sixth Month, 1895	$445.00	
From Salem Quarterly Meeting	370.00	
" Sandwich " "	405.00	
" Falmouth " "	175.00	
" Smithfield " "	125.00	
" Vassalboro " "	110.00	
" Dover " "	80.00	
" Fairfield " "	250.00	

From Farmington Quarterly Meeting	$40.00	
		$2000.00
From loans		1000.00
" Union Savings Bank		600.00
" Interest on same	$4.50	
" Yearly Meeting's expense account, balance returned	11.90	
		16.40
From Estate of Parthenia Underwood	$1,551.46	
" " William Hosier	925.00	
		$2476.46
From Sale of Willimantic Linen Co. Stock and Interest	$98.72	
" Sale of Books of Discipline	.90	
		99.62
		$6,635.11

1898 Expenditures.

6th Mo. 14th, Amount advanced for Yearly Meeting expenses at Newport in 1898		$340.00
For Printing, Stationery & Copying		421.11
Executive Committee on Indian affairs	$525.00	
Committee on Freedmen	500.00	
John Kendall on account of Peace as per minute No. 55 of Yearly Meeting	100.00	
William Hadley on account of Conference Expenses (see minutes 1895)	56.20	
		$1181.20
Paid Loans		1000.00
On account of Portland Meeting House note (balance due $1000)		300.00
Paid Augustine Jones, Trustee, proceeds sale Willimantic Linen Company, stock and interest	98.72	
Yearly Meetings Finance Committee	1.03	
		99.75
Interest on Loans	$98.72	
Incidentals	8.12	106.84
Balance on hand		3186.21
		$6,635.11

Samuel R. Buffington, Treasurer.

Fall River Sixth Month 7th, 1899.

Examined and found correct with vouchers and bank balance in proper form.

By direction of the Auditors
Robert P. Gifford
Anna M. Gove

Portland, Sixth Month 12th, 1899.

52. The Auditors have presented the following nominations, all of which are approved and confirmed:—

For Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, Joseph D. Ward, 215 State Street, Boston.

For Treasurer of Providence School Funds, James H. Chace, Providence, R. I.

For Treasurer of Oak Grove School Funds, Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Centre, Maine.

Joseph D. Ward our Treasurer, is hereby authorized to receive from Samuel R. Buffington, our former Treasurer all the property of the Yearly Meeting now in his possession, and to give his receipt therefor on behalf of the Yearly Meeting.

In this connection we are desirous of expressing our thanks to our Friend, Samuel R. Buffington, for his long and faithful service as Treasurer of the Meeting. We appreciate his prompt and business like methods, his painstaking accuracy and uniform courtesy.

The bequests above referred to are described in extracts from the last wills of Parthenia Underwood and William Hosier respectively. We accept these bequests in grateful recognition of the generous intent of the donors.

Our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the amount of the bequest of Parthenia Underwood, $1,537.46 to Sarah J. Swift, Treasurer of the Yearly Meetings' Committee on Foreign Missions.

Copy of the Fourth Item in the Will of
Parthenia Underwood, of Fall River, Mass.
Dated Ninth Month 7th, 1897.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England for their use in missionary work in Palestine, one share

and one half.

Said will was executed and signed by herself and three witnesses, on the day and year as above.

Section 7th of the Will of William Hosier of Nantucket.

I give and bequeath the sum of one thousand dollars to the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, of which, at this time, Timothy B. Hussey is Clerk.

Date of will, Fourth Month 25th, 1894.

Taken from a copy of said will signed by Joseph S. Barney, Executor.

53. The Finance Committee make the following recommendations, all of which have the approval of this Meeting and are adopted.

Recommendations of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee recommend that $2,500. be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year. They also recommend the following appropriations from the treasury of the Yearly Meeting:

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$525.00
For Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	500.00
To take up Portland Meeting house note	1000.00
For Expenses Finance Committee	5.00
	$2,030.00

Your Committee recommend that hereafter each Quarterly Meeting send forward one half of its quota by the first of the Eleventh Month and the remainder by the first of the Fifth Month of each year, and that the Plan of Giving, as found in the Minutes of last year be reprinted in this year's Minutes.

Deborah P. Atherton, Financial Secretary.

A Plan for Christian Giving.

The necessity of system in Christian giving is very generally recognized, and has its warrant in the words of Scripture, "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that

no collections be made when I come." (I Cor. 16:2)
"The tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Lev. 37:32)
"Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." (Luke 12:48)

Many may be sharers of blessings they have never before known, if obedient to the Gospel teaching; "Let each man do according as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly nor of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7) The Mosaic standard of tithes and offerings received a new impulse in the early Christian Church, when brought under the power of that sacrifice which was the offering of Himself once for all.

1st Duties of Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance;— The Yearly Meeting's Committee on Finance, composed of one man and one woman from each Quarterly Meeting with the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting as member ex officio, shall organize by the appointment of one of its members as Financial Secretary. It shall issue as early as the first of seventh month of each year a general circular letter, containing a statement of the several amounts necessary to be raised for Yearly Meeting expenses (including obligations which may have been assumed), and also for philanthropic work under its care; the latter amounts having been specified by the respective standing committees in their annual report to the Yearly Meeting. This Circular Letter shall embody such other items of interest and advice relating to finances as may have claimed the attention of the Yearly Meeting with directions about the use of the envelopes as may seem to be required. It shall contain suitable blanks in which to enter an estimate of Monthly and Preparative Meeting expenses, with the apportionment to individual members. The following form is recommended:

The amount which ------ Monthly Meeting has directed to be raised to meet expenses the ensuing year, including its quota of Yearly and Quarterly stock is $

Quota of the above amount for Preparative Meeting $ ---

Current expenses for ---- Preparative Meeting $ ----
Total $ ----

Thy proportion of the above amount is about ---- per month.

---- Treasurer.

This Committee shall prepare suitable books of entry for the use of Monthly and Preparative Meetings, and shall have envelopes printed to correspond with the objects for which money is needed. They shall strive to promote an interest in the work, and a healthful spirit of giving among the members of their respective Quarterly Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to maintain a correspondence with the Treasurers of Monthly Meetings, and also with the Treasurers of the several standing committees who are receiving offerings through the envelopes, and forward to the Monthly Meetings, as often as may seem best, a statement of the financial condition of each object for which funds are desired, with any need that may exist.

2d. Duties of Monthly Meetings and their Finance Committees. — Monthly Meetings shall annually appoint three Friends from each of their Preparative Meetings, one of whom shall be the Treasurer of that Preparative Meeting, and these with the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting as member ex officio, shall constitute the Monthly Meeting's Committee on Finance. It is recommended that the financial year in each Monthly Meeting begin in the autumn, in order that the information and advices from the Yearly Meeting may be duly received through the Quarterly Meeting. The Finance Committee shall duly fill the blank spaces in the Circular Letter intended for estimates of all meeting expenses, and apportion to individual members the amounts considered necessary to meet such expenses. This committee shall distribute to each member, both male and female who may be expected to aid the work of the Church, envelopes for monthly offerings properly numbered and with the envelopes shall be given a copy of the Circular Letter, after the proper blanks have been filled.

Directly after the first day of the month in the months Twelfth, Third and Sixth Months of each year, the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting shall forward to the general treasurer of the Yearly Meeting standing committee all free will offerings intended for the work entrusted to them, and shall also report the same with other accounts annually to the Monthly Meeting.

3d Duties of Preparative Meetings and their Treasurers. When a Monthly Meeting consists of more than one Preparative Meeting, each of such Preparative Meetings is advised to appoint a treasurer to have charge of its receipts and disbursements. This treasurer shall make a list in the book of entry, furnished him by the Finance Committee of the Yearly Meeting, of all members of the Meeting who may be expected to contribute, and assign to each a number, except where members of one family prefer to be indexed under one number, when he may adapt his record to their choice. As the envelopes are returned to the treasurer he shall enter the items in the cash book, stating the number of the envelope and name of month when payment is made, with the respective amounts in the proper columns. He shall forward quarterly all free will offerings to the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting. Contributions for local expenses shall remain in his hands, to be paid as the Preparative Meeting may require.

4th Duties of Individual Members. – Each member who is able to do so is desired to enclose in the envelopes monthly contributions toward "Meeting Expenses," as apportioned by the Finance Committee; but, if preferred, the amount may be paid proportionately, semi-annually or annually. He is also earnestly entreated to contribute free will offerings for the philanthropic work carried on by the Yearly Meeting and named in the Circular Letter as may be consistent with his duty to God, as a steward of the property entrusted to him, being careful always to give an honest reply to the query: "How much owest thou unto my Lord?" If the donor has no choice for his offerings shall be appropriated the amount may be placed against the item "General Fund" and the

Finance Committee of the Monthly Meeting will distribute it among the objects named as in its judgment seems best. The item "Meeting Expenses" on the envelopes includes the expenses of both Preparative and Monthly Meetings. The item "General Fund," covers all objects named on the envelopes, except "Meeting Expenses."

54. The report of the Christian Endeavor Society has been read. It is a cheering fact that our young people are availing themselves of the opportunities which lie about them and which are so much greater than an earlier generation enjoyed.

Report of the Christian Endeavor Society.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

That there has been at least no decline in activity among our Christian Endeavor Societies during the past year, is shown by the statistics received. It is encouraging to note that the records of only twenty out of thirty-eight societies show a membership of 548 active and 123 associate members. Twenty three of these have become Friends during the year. These societies have raised for missions $287.56, nearly all of which is sent to Ramallah and the Indian Mission

A large number of our members either tithe their income or give systematically by some other method.

So far as we are able to judge, we feel that our efforts meet with the approval and blessing of our Heavenly Father whom we are endeavoring to serve.

Respectfully submitted

Bertha T. Pinkham Secretary.

55. The Committee on the Revision of the Discipline report as follows and are continued.

Report of Committee on the Revision of the Discipline

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the Revision of the Discipline expected at the time of its last report, to receive in a short time an account of the work of the Committee appointed by the Quinquennial Conference to prepare

a uniform Discipline for all the Yearly Meetings. This expectation has been disappointed, and therefore nothing has been done, but the Committee hopes to be able another year to report at least some progress.

For the Committee,

Charles H. Jones, Chairman

L. S. Atherton, Secretary

56. The reports of men's and women's Committees on Purity have been read showing that work in this cause has been done. The remonstrance accompanying the women's report has been revised and the Clerks are directed to sign and forward it to the proper authorities.

Report of Men's Committee on Purity.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

As a Committee little work has been done between the times of Yearly Meeting. With the seven dollars collected in the meeting at Newport we have purchased and distributed seventy copies of Henry Varley's "Lecture to Men."

The meeting held in the vestry at 1.30 on First-day we believe was a very profitable one. It was addressed by Ellison R. Purdy, William P. Pinkham and others. We believe that the interest already aroused in this important subject should increase, and that careful, persistent effort should be continued.

For the Committee

Alvano C. Goddard.

Report of Women's Committee on Purity.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

Your Committee have given some attention to their appointment, Vassallboro Quarter tells us of five Mothers' Meetings held, three copies of the Maine state laws relating to obscene books and pictures, and 2,550 pages of literature distributed also several of the Mary Wood Allen books loaned. The Superintendent has also subscribed for the "New Crusade" for use in this work the coming year.

Falmouth reports distribution of more than one thousand pages of literature besides using the hole of Mary Ward Allen also refused to, and in various other ways much unreportable work has been done.

The meeting held on First day of the Yearly Meeting in Portland and addressed by our chairman and others was felt to be profitable and we trust for fuller accounts and greater evidence of interest and faithfulness the coming year.

Lucy A. Snow, Secretary.

Remonstrance.

Believing that the seating of Brigham Roberts a polygamist in the House of Representatives would be an outrage against our Christian homes and against the civilization of the nineteenth century, New England Yearly Meeting of Friends desires to protest against such action and to express its hope that our nation may be spared this disgrace.

57. The Clerks are directed to procure the printing of the usual number of copies of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting and send them down to our Quarterly Meetings.

58. Adjourned to 9 o'clock to morrow morning

59. Fourth day morning the 14th. Met at the hour appointed.

60. The Committee on Nominations have presented names of Friends to serve on the Standing Committees of the Yearly Meeting, all of which have been approved by this Meeting.

61. We have received Epistles from London and Dublin Yearly Meetings, from all the Yearly Meetings in America with which we correspond, except Wilmington and from the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Ramallah also this morning a telegram of Christian greeting from

California Yearly Meeting, now in session. These tokens of brotherly love and interest have been refreshing and strengthening. The Committee on Correspondence have presented essays of epistles to London & Dublin Yearly Meetings and to the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah also an epistle addressed to all the American Yearly Meetings, with special paragraphs to each as occasion seemed to require. They have also presented a letter addressed to the Sick and Afflicted and a letter to the Children. They have all been read and approved and the Clerks are directed to sign them on our behalf.

62. The Committee on returning minutes have prepared the following for Samuel Miles and similar ones for Eli G. and Mary H. Parker, Jason P. and Margaret E. Wooten, Cyrus Richmond Sing, and Aquila H. and Hannah M. T. Pickering, which the Clerks are directed to sign on our behalf:

To Terrisburgh Monthly Meeting of Friends, Vermont:-

Samuel Miles acceptably attended this meeting with a minute of unity from your meeting.

63. The report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society has been read, with its detailed account of the work carried on during the past year, which has been very satisfactory and encouraging.

Report of Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

Statistics

	Auxiliaries	Members	Women over 18 in y. M.	Honorary Members	Public meetings	Used for current Expenses
Rhode Island	7	122	337	26	19	$25.15
Salem	6	124	287	38	11	28.67
Sandwich	4	53	258		1	9.36
Falmouth	4	60	184	7	1	9.16
Smithfield	2	49	130	6	1	35.05
Vassalboro	2	49	163	8	2	2.00
Dover	1	9	66			.80
Troy	2	35	288	17	4	1.54
Farmington	2	21	56		1	3.25
Total	30	522	1,687	101	40	$124.78

No report of work done in Unity or East Greenwich. East Lynn is again a separate organization, and a new and flourishing auxiliary has been established at Anthony, R. I. Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting has a marked increase in membership. Providence still remains the largest auxiliary, with a membership of forty three. Most of the meetings are held monthly and all are opened with prayer or other devotions. The interest in both missions is increasing. Funds have been raised in ways that have brought other blessings than the money to the members. The new thank offering boxes have realized for us more money and more expression of thankfulness than most of us anticipated.

The work at the Kickapoo Mission progressed slowly but surely. Lina B. Lunt is at home for a visit this summer, and has with her Della, a little Indian girl in whom Amesbury auxiliary has been interested, a member of the school and one of the two little girls who have recently joined the Society of Friends. Elizabeth Test is employed by the Government as Field Matron among the Indians and spends a large part of her time in the camp, caring for the many sick among them, and, as way opens, teaching them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rachel Kirk, too, though receiving no salary from anyone labors constantly among the Indians, mostly the Kickapoos and Shawnees, and lives at the Mission.

Our part in the work at Ramallah has been the salaries of Katie Gabriel, head teacher, Jennie Hishmeh and Anesia Malouf, her assistants and the support of thirteen girls, viz. - Adele Barahat, supported by Newport auxiliary; Emily Dimishky, supported by Lynn auxiliary, Galelie Andr supported by Winthrop Center Auxiliary; Emelie Karam supported by the "King's Children" of Winthrop; Helanie Dishdal, supported by Westport Mission Band; Mary Malouf, supported by Portland Auxiliary; Amelia Abdoo, supported by Durham Auxiliary, Azeezie Rafeedie, supported by East Vassalboro Auxiliary, Hannie Rafeedie, supported by Lynn Auxiliary, Victoria Bekmesian, supported by Boston Auxiliary;

Nabiha Barakat Ramzi Fiani, Angelina Bekmisian.

Lydia Dimishky and Julia Salfeetie graduated in Seventh Month 1911. Lydia's parents lived in Lydda, the site of ancient Lydda on the plain of Sharon. Her father is a native Christian worker. About a year before Lydia finished her course of study in our Training School, her mother was taken away by death. After she graduated she returned immediately to her father, who greatly needed her assistance. She has since been in her father's home, filling as well as she is able the place of her departed mother, taking charge of the home and caring for her young sisters. Lydia early accepted her Saviour and developed a sweet Christian character, clearly manifested in her testimony for Christ and in her gentle daily life. The careful training she received admirably fitted her for the great responsibility which has thus come to her in her young womanhood, and we believe her future life will be one of much helpfulness and blessing in her home and among her own people.

Julia Salfeetie's home is in Nablous, the site of ancient Shecem, between the mountains of Ebal and Gerezim, not far from Jacob's well. Julia was an active intelligent child; giving her heart to Jesus, she became an especially bright and joyous student, gladdening the hearts of all by her gentle, affectionate ways and the sweetness of her voice in sacred song. She is now teacher of the new day-school opened in the north-east part of Ramallah, called the Boston School, where she labors earnestly and lovingly among her young pupils and is able to tell them availingly of God's wonderful redemption in Christ from her own heart experience of His great love. Julia, with all the other teachers in our day-schools in Ramallah, still lives in the Mission Home. These together with the assistants in the Training School, form a lovely band of six young Christian teachers who have many advantages for self culture and improvement in the Home, in the way of reading and study, mingling with the older and more experienced workers and enjoying the society of visitors at the Mission.

The new building put up under the efficient supervision of our Friends Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey adds substantially to the comfort and efficiency of the Training

Home, where these thirteen girls, and about as many more are taught to make the most of themselves and to develope the gifts God has given them, becoming noble examples of Christian womanhood. Each one, when she finishes her course of study and training at the school, becomes a light in the darkness about her to lead others to the Saviour who has redeemed her from sin and from the degradation in which were most of the people from among whom she came.

The interest of the Auxiliaries and Mission Bands who have undertaken the support of these girls is constantly increasing, so that some of them not only raise enough money for their girl but also nearly as much as they used to raise before undertaking her support.

We close our financial year with more money in hand with which to begin the new year than ever before; for this and for the safe return to us of Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey, who for three years have given life, strength and of their substance to the Ramallah Mission, we give thanks to our Heavenly Father.

Alice W. Maxfield Corresponding Secretary.

Report of the Superintendent of Literature,

from 4th Month 1st 1898 to 4th Month 1st 1899.

To the W. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting:

The auxiliaries of our Yearly Meeting have forwarded accounts from which we gather the following:

Number of members in auxiliaries	522
Number who subscribe to Missionary Advocate	173
Number of Missionary Libraries	6
Number of Books in Missionary Libraries	59

Number of leaflets distributed, 611 reported as leaflets and also 713 pages of missionary literature. Seventy-five copies of the Missionary Advocate were furnished by the Mosher Fund. Two auxiliaries report missionary books in their Bible School libraries; others have scrap books, pamphlets, periodicals and papers on missionary work which are freely circulated. One auxiliary reports fourteen volumes of the Missionary Advocate on file in its library. Two auxiliaries receive no copies of this most helpful paper

We believe if its value was understood, its circulation would be much increased in our auxiliaries.

Three hundred and thirty leaflets were sent out by the Superintendent of Literature, but the exact number distributed has been impossible to tell. Several auxiliaries made no report concerning the leaflets, others had failed to keep an account, but fourteen have been active in this work.

During the summer a letter of suggestions as to the best ways of working was sent to the Superintendent of Literature in each of our auxiliaries, and an appeal was made to all, urging upon them the claims of the Advocate.

Respectfully submitted.

Elizabeth A. Gifford.

General Superintendent Literature.

Adamsville, R. I. Sixth Month 3d, 1899.

Report of the Superintendent of Proportionate and Systematic Giving.

To the W. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting:-

The statistics of this department as reported by the auxiliaries are as follows:

Number of tracts distributed	664
Number of thank offering boxes given out	424
Number of addresses delivered	19
Number who practice proportionate giving	109
Amount of thank offering box collection	$278.62

It is gratifying to be able to say that this year shows an improvement. The reports were generally brought only two auxiliaries Winthrop and Unity failing to report at all, while Berwick, Weare, East Greenwich and Allen's Neck stated that they have not carried on the department. Nearly all the reports were definite, only one giving the vague accounts that are so trying to one making up a statistical table. If the few auxiliaries who have done nothing in this department this year will organize it and carry it on actively, there seems no reason why we should not have a full and creditable report next year.

The Executive Board, early in the year, decided to try to arouse our members to the duty and privilege of giving thank offerings. It was thought best that thank offering boxes should be furnished free to the auxiliaries, instead of being bought as the mite boxes had been. These boxes, with appeals and tracts were placed in the hands of the Superintendent of this department and sent out to the auxiliaries in proportion to their membership. The cost was about $27; the amount collected, as reported by the auxiliaries was $278.62. About 800 boxes were sent out by the Superintendent, but some went to places where there are no auxiliaries but where it was thought they could be used, and many auxiliaries have not used all sent them. There will probably be no further expense for a year or two to come, as the boxes are expected to be used at least two years, and with care may last even longer. From the experience of the part of a year during which they have been used, it seems as if these boxes have awakened in the hearts of many the feeling expressed by the motto, "What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits?" and it is hoped they will prove a valuable auxiliary in the future towards raising the funds needed for missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah P. Atherton, Superintendent

Report of Junior and Juvenile Work.

The hearts of our Friends of New England will rejoice to know that we have some enthusiastic home missionaries right among the children of the Yearly Meeting. It has been interesting to watch some of them, as with bright faces, willing hands and swift feet they have carried fruit flowers and comforting Scripture texts to the aged or sick; collected money by investment to send to needy children, or eagerly slipped their own pennies into the missionary boxes. The children's "A penny a week and a prayer" has gone a great way towards helping the cause of missions. We hope for an increase in the number of child missionaries in Friends' homes during the coming year.

The Children's Mission Band in Portland, which has

been doing excellent work for several years, disbanded in the autumn, and all its members began to work with the Christian Endeavor. By birthday letters, self-denial, and investment they have been able to do about as much practical work as before, both in their own city and in Syria.

The Mission Band at Westport has raised $65 this year as usual, for the support of their child in the Training Home at Ramallah. Sunshine and blessing still come into the life of little Helanie Dahdal, because of the efforts of these Westport child missionaries and their friends. Other needy little Helanies, away out in the Bible lands, would be grateful if they could have such friends raised up for them.

Another child in Palestine has had the many privileges of the Training Home still another year through the efforts of the "King's Children" of Winthrop Center, Maine, and their friends. It was during their summer vacation that they again raised their $65 for Ramallah. We think no children in the land enjoyed a vacation more than did these, who went about on business for the "King." They also sent $3.33 for the Indian children in Oklahoma.

Last Tenth Month a promising band of children was organized at Anthony, R. I. It numbers twenty and is superintended by Eva Mattley an earnest young worker of that place. They have already done considerable home missionary work, have some money in their treasury for next year and are eagerly looking forward to future usefulness. May God bless our baby children's mission band.

The boys and girls of New England need the help and encouragement of their parents and other friends, in their efforts to do for others. The spirit of self sacrifice needs to be cultivated, in order that they may be well able to take their parents' places in the work of the church in coming years. They should be informed about our foreign fields and also the needs of people right around them. To know about things is for children to be interested in them. Parents, fill your homes and Sabbath School libraries with books about missions and missionaries. Read to your children particularly fine portions which you find in your reading and

talk with them about those who are less blessed. Interest in people far away will surely increase their interest at home. "Lights that shine farthest, shine brightest near home." If your son or daughter helps to send the light away to foreign lands, encourage him all you can; if he is himself called to go, rejoice that the opportunity is yours to sacrifice your most precious treasures for Christ. Let us interest the children in missions, that we may continue to be a missionary Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Etta H. Johnston, Superintendent.

Report of Box Committee.

To the W. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting:-

In the latter part of Eleventh Month three boxes of goods were sent to our mission at Ramallah. In response to the circular letter from our Corresponding Secretary, the following auxiliaries sent contributions: New Bedford, Swansea, Worcester, Nantucket, Winthrop, Newport, Providence, Peabody, Uxbridge.

It may be that other auxiliaries sent too late to be added to the list; if so I hope the Treasurers of those auxiliaries will see that they are added to the report.

The estimated value of the contributions was $200.00. Dollie Smedley writes that they reached the Mission Twelfth Month 2d, and received a warm welcome. She says "We found the things in pretty good condition, notwithstanding the rough usage they received at the Custom House at Jaffa. Many of the articles were lost so that we may not be able to acknowledge them as they should be. I trust the dear New England Friends will not think us lacking in appreciation if we do not write to each person or sewing circle for we do not really know from whom many of the articles came. We do know they are beautiful, and we see a sweet spirit of helpfulness and love kindled in many hearts to give and kind hands to prepare and arrange them; this alone is quite sufficient to make glad our hearts and call forth our sincerest gratitude."

The contribution for the Pickapo Mission was rather smaller than last year. I am not able to give an estimate of the

as some of the auxiliaries failed to place any value on their contribution.

Hemsicket	$3.00
Lynn	
Amesbury	3.40
Westport	2.75
Portsmouth	
Saylesville	
Providence	25.00
East Parsonsfield	
Durham	
Smith's Neck	16 yds flannel
Lawrence	1.00
Swansea	3.00
Newport	
Hallowell	
Fall River	10.25

Elizabeth Test writes that the goods were received in season and in good condition, and that they all enjoyed their presents and feel grateful to all who sent them.

I take the liberty on behalf of the committee to remind our friends that it is very important that each auxiliary write plainly on each package the name of the auxiliary from which it is sent and the estimated value of the contents. It is often very difficult to tell - the express label giving the only clue sometimes.

Respectfully,

O. H. Weeks, for the Committee.

Report of the Treasurer of the Womens' Foreign Missionary Society from Fourth Month 1st, 1898 to Fourth Month 1st, 1899

Receipts

Balance from last year	$31.80
Collection from public meeting at Newport	$67.38
[illegible]	24.48
[illegible], one day scholar at Kumullah	5.00
Rebate on freight on [illegible] sent Elizabeth Test, [illegible] 1897	7.11
Donation S. J. S.	40.00

Donation, D.P.A. 5.00

$148.97

Amounts received from Auxiliaries

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting

Swansea Auxiliary	$237.00	
Fall River Auxiliary	61.61	
Newport Auxiliary ($5.70 of this amount was given by the children)	72.91	
Providence Auxiliary	132.00	
Anthony Auxiliary	13.35	
Portsmouth Auxiliary	15.00	
		$531.87

Salem Quarterly Meeting

Lynn Auxiliary	$97.18	
Salem Auxiliary	30.91	
Boston Auxiliary	154.16	
Amesbury Auxiliary	54.48	
Lawrence Auxiliary	25.00	
North Weare Auxiliary	6.50	
		$368.23

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

Westport Auxiliary	$50.00	
Allens Neck Auxiliary	40.00	
Smiths Neck Auxiliary	24.33	
Long Plain Auxiliary	18.96	
		$133.29

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting

Winthrop Center Auxiliary ($10.00 of this was contribution of C. M. Bailey, Honorary Life Member and $5.00 was contribution of C. Irving Bailey)	$75.00	
Hallowell Auxiliary	22.00	
		$97.00

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting

Portland Auxiliary ($20.00 of this was a contribution of a Friend towards salary of one of the Native Teachers in Training Home)	$96.89	
South Durham Auxiliary	44.50	

East Durham Auxiliary (The deficiency for support of girl in Training Home was kindly made up by South Durham Auxiliary)	$53.25	
Windham Center Auxiliary	10.00	
		$204.64
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting		
Woonsocket Auxiliary	$80.00	
Bolton Auxiliary	55.00	
		$135.00
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting		
East Vassalboro Auxiliary	$70.00	
China Auxiliary	65.00	
Unity Auxiliary	5.00	
		$145.00
Dover Quarterly Meeting		
North Berwick Auxiliary	12.00	$12.00
Parsmefield Quarterly Meeting		
East Parsmefield Auxiliary	11.50	
North Sandwich Auxiliary	25.00	
		$36.50
Total received from Auxiliaries		$1,663.53
Contributions from Bible Schools		
Central Village	$6.45	
South Pittsfield	3.06	
Boston	15.59	
East Lynn	7.48	
Fall River	17.32	
Providence	9.55	
North Weare	5.97	
Lawrence	4.00	
Lynn	3.44	
Newport	4.00	
Salem	4.75	
Hermiker	2.50	
Somerset	4.46	
Portsmouth	4.00	
Amesbury	5.86	
Manchester Maine	2.00	

Anthony	$1.55	
St. Albans	1.43	
Sandwich, Mass	2.60	
New Bedford	5.00	
West Sidney	1.00	
West Epping	2.00	
Worcester	8.00	
		$121.81

From Junior Bands

Kings' Children of Winthrop Center for support of girl in Training Home	$65.00	
For Kickapoo Mission	4.23	
Westport Junior Band	65.00	
Children's Mission Band of Anthony, R.I.	1.00	
		$135.23

From Christian Endeavor Societies

Augusta	$5.00	
South Durham	1.00	
East St. Albans	1.12	
Unity	3.00	
East Vassalboro	1.00	
South China	1.00	
East Lynn	5.00	
Salem	7.00	
Portland	5.00	
		$29.12
Total receipts		$2,130.46

Expenditures

Sarah J. Swift, Treas. Foreign Mission Committee, salary of Head Teacher in Training Home	$275.00	
Sarah J. Swift salary of two assistants	80.00	
" " for support of 13 girls in Training Home	$845.00	
" " for one day scholar, by Etta S. Cates	5.00	
		$1,205.00
Elizabeth Fist and Lina B. Lunt, salaries	$600.00	
from Christian Endeavor Societies	29.12	

from Boston Auxiliary for Christmas	$7.00	
" Amesbury Auxiliary for Delta	4.00	
" Portland Auxiliary	10.74	
" Winthrop Center Auxiliary	10.00	
" Winthrop Center King's Children	4.23	
" Worcester Bible School	8.00	
		$673.09
Ellen W. Longstreet, Treasurer Missionary Union, annual membership dues	$15.42	
For Jewish Mission	7.72	
		$23.14
D. P. Atherton, Superintendent Proportionate & Systematic Giving	$6.95	
Flora P. Mills for Literature	4.50	
E. A. Gifford, Superintendent of Literature	3.75	
Expense of Public Meeting at Newport	15.75	
Anna M. Gove, Trustee, Life Membership for Lucretia G. Chace	20.00	
Printing 100 slips for By-Laws	.75	
1000 Thank offering Boxes	7.00	
G. C. Herbert for printing Appeals	6.00	
Envelopes for Thank-offerings	2.90	
3000 Gilt Seals	3.00	
Envelopes for Seals	.75	
Postage etc.	5.39	
Treasurer's Book	1.30	
Lina B. Lunt, Railroad Expenses	60.00	
		$138.04
Total Expenditures		$2039.27
Balance in Treasury Third Month 31st, 1899		91.19
		$2,130.46

Satisfactory reports have been received from Swansea, Fall River, Newport, Anthony, Lynn, Salem, Boston, Amesbury, North Weare, Westport, Long Plain, Hallowell, Portland, Allen's Neck.

Life Members.

Elizabeth T. Larkin	Hannah J. Bailey
Caroline Alice Jones	Mary R. Osborne
Hannah B. Farr	Huldah H. Leighton

Etta H. Johnston	Anna G. Wood
Ruth S. Murray	Emeline H. Tuttle
Ellen N. Buffum	Mary H. Robinson
Phebe S. Aydelott	Mary E. Gifford
[illegible] Swift	Mary S. Macomber
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Tacie P. Hawkes
Lucy R. Goddard	Hannah G. Sherman
Lina B. Lunt	Myra E. Frye
Adeline F. Chace	M. Augusta Batley
Lettie M. Bailey	Sophia D. Bailey
Lucretia G. Chace	

Charles M. Bailey, Honorary Life Member.

Memorial gifts for deceased friends have been received for

Julia E. Almy	Lavina G. Huntington
Flora M. Bailey	Hannah A. P. Larkin
Margaret C. Kimber	Lavinia M. Briggs
Evelyn B. Crosman.	

Susan H. Meader, Treasurer.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the W.F.M.S. with vouchers for money expended, and find them correct.

E. W. Swan, Auditor.

Boston, Fifth Month 29th, 1899.

The Trustees of Permanent Fund, in Account with the W.F.M.S. of New England Yearly Meeting, for the year ending Third Month 31st, 1899.

Receipts

4th Mo. 1st, 1898	Interest on Bond	$6.00
10th Mo. 10th, 1898.	Interest on Bond	6.00
3d Mo. 19th, 1899	Interest on deposit in bank	12.48
3d Mo. 31st, 1899.	Life Membership for Lucretia G. Chace	20.00
		$44.48

Expenditures.

4th Mo. 11th, 1898.	Paid Susan H. Meader	$6.00
10th Mo. 21st, 1898	Paid Susan H. Meader	6.00
3d Mo. 20th 1899	Paid Susan H. Meader	12.48
		$24.48

Amount held in Trust.

Life Membership in hands of Trustees	$20.00

In Augusta Savings Bank	$330.00
In Fitchburg and Amesbury Savings Bank	100.00
Nebraska Loan and Trust Co.	200.00
	$650.00

For the Trustees,

Anna M. Gove.

I have examined the accounts of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund of the W. F. M. S. and find them correct.

A. W. Maxfield, auditor pro. tem.

The following named Friends have been appointed officers of the Society for the ensuing year:

President - Phebe S. Aydelott, 344 Rock Street, Fall River, Mass.

Vice Presidents at Large - Maria E. Frye, Woodfords, Me.

Ruth S. Murray, Grove St. New Bedford, Mass.

Corresponding Secretary - Alice N. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.

Recording Secretary and Corporation Clerk - Abbie M. C. Bird, 14 Beach Ave, Lynn, Mass.

Treasurer. - Susan H. Meader, 634 Warren St. Roxbury Mass.

Quarterly Meeting Vice Presidents.

Rhode Island - Mary E. Kimber, Newport, R. I.

Salem - Eliza A. Jones, 329 Boston St, Lynn, Mass.

Sandwich - Annie E. Ewer, Sandwich, Mass.

Falmouth - Miriam C. Webber, Lisbon Falls, Me.

Smithfield - Sarah J. Swift, 22 Oak Avenue, Worcester, Mass.

Vassalboro - Eliza P. Pierce, East Vassalboro, Me.

Dover - Almira B. Buffum, North Berwick, Me.

Fairfield - Elizabeth M. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.

Farmington - Elizabeth S. Hoag, Whiteface, N. H.

Trustees of the Permanent Fund.

For one year - Hannah P. Bailey, Winthrop Center, Me.

For two years - Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N. H.

For three years - Mary C. Winslow, Winthrop Center, Me.

Superintendents of Departments.

Informative & Systematic Giving - Deborah P. Atherton, Uxbridge, Mass.

Literature - Elizabeth A. Gifford - Adamsville, R. I.

Home & Foreign Work - Henrietta H. Johnson, Winthrop Center, Me.

Auditors.

Mary A. Paige 50 Chatham St. Lynn. Mass.
Elizabeth W. Swan 2 Derne St. Boston. Mass.

Box Committee

Chairman – Guilelma C. Ward, 4 Gleason St, Dorchester, Mass.
Elizabeth C. N. Gifford, 13 Arch Street, New Bedford, Mass.
Emma A. Douglas, Portland, Me.

64. The Clerk is directed to acknowledge in our behalf the courtesy of the railroad officials in giving reduced rates on their lines

65. In bringing to a close the sessions of the Yearly Meeting this year, we gratefully acknowledge the presence of our Lord and Master in our deliberations. The spirit of love has been apparent in all our sessions and has been the prevailing theme in the exercise of the meeting, both in its business sessions and in the meetings for devotion. In the sincere hope that this same love may be in us and around, until in the providence of God we are permitted to meet again in Newport, R. I. at the established time in 1903, we now adjourn.

John Ellwood Paige
Deborah P. Atherton } Clerks.

Officers and Committees.

Clerks.

John Ellwood Paige, 50 Chatham Street, Lynn, Mass.
Deborah P. Atherton, Uxbridge, Mass.

Treasurer.

Joseph D. Wood, 215 State Street, Boston, Mass.

Correspondents.

Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Center, Me.

Clerk of Executive Meeting

Daniel C. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.

Clerk of Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight

Charles H. Jones, Amesbury, Mass.

Committee of Arrangements.

For One Year

John S. Kimber
Mary W. Macomber
Lewis M. Douglas
Myra E. Frye.

For Two Years.

Robert P. Gifford
Alice W. Maxfield
Hannah J. Bailey
Thomas Wood

For Three Years

John J. Frye
James M. Estes
Susan F. Hoxie
Exie Estes.

Members of the Executive Meeting.

For one year

Phebe S. Aydelott	Fall River, Mass
Daniel C. Maxfield	Amesbury, Mass
John B. Baylies	New Bedford, Mass
John J. Frye	Portland, Maine
Charles Sisson	Providence, R. I.
Linwood W. Jones	South China, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Dover N. H.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.
[illegible]	East Parsonsfield, Me.
J. Hacker Hall	Windham Center, Me.
Leo Jones	Winthrop, Me.
Olney T. Meader	Boston, Mass
Deborah P. Atherton	Uxbridge, Mass.

Ruth S. Murray	New Bedford, Mass.
Isaac B. Macomber	Portsmouth R. I.
Elizabeth S. Hoag	Whiteface, N. H.

For Two years.

Samuel R. Buffington	Fall River, Mass
Cyrus Jones	Lynn, Mass
Anna G. Ward	New Bedford, Mass.
Ezra Hawkes	Portland, Maine
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Elizabeth R. Jones	South China, Me.
Timothy B. Hussey	North Berwick, Me
J. Warren Hawkes	Manchester, Me.
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Susan F. Horie	Sandwich, Mass
Joseph E. Briggs	Winthrop Center, Me.
Lucy T. Herbert	17 Chatham St., Lynn, Mass
Charles A. Chace	Fall River, Mass
Joseph D. Ward	215 State Street, Boston, Mass
Alice M. Dow	Bolton, Mass.
M. Augusta Batley	Providence, R. I.

For Three years.

Augustine Jones	Providence, R. I.
J. Ellwood Paige	Lynn, Mass
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.
Myra E. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Daniel Wheeler	Uxbridge, Mass
Eliza P. Pierce	East Vassalboro, Me
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Mary W. Jones	Winthrop Center, Me.
John B. Cartland	North Sandwich, N. H.
Nathan D. Horie	Lewiston, Me.
William Thompson	New Bedford, Mass
D. Wheeler Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Jesse McPherson	Winthrop Center, Me.
Wm O. Newhall	Lynn, Mass.
Charles H. Thorndike	Concord, N. H.
Susan F. Thompson	New Bedford, Mass.

The regular meetings will be held as follows; at Lynn, eighth month 16th, 1899, at 2 o'clock P. M.; at Newport [illegible]

[illegible] 1900, at [illegible] P.M.

Daniel C. Marfield Clerk.

Providence Boarding School Committee

For one year.

J. Warren Hawkes	Ruth S. Murray
William C. Newhall	Alice W. Marfield
Daniel C. Marfield	Emily M. Jones
Charles A. Chace	Stephen C. Meader
Olney T. Meader	Sarah Marble
Charles Sisson	Susan Peckham

For two years.

Edward T. Tucker	Sarah J. Swift
Joshua L. Macomber	Rufus M. Jones
John J. Frye	Charles H. Jones
Thomas Wood	Gulielma C. Wood
Bessie T. Wing	Herbert H. Goddard
S. Caroline Tobey	Mary A. Crosman

For three years.

D. Wheeler Swift	Samuel R. Buffinton
James H. Chace	Peter W. Neal
Samuel Buffum	Robert P. Gifford
Rachel S. Howland	Ellen K. Buffum
Hannah J. Bailey	Anna G. Wood
Deborah W. Crosman	Deborah P. Atherton

Real Estate Committee

For one year

Olney T. Meader	Robert P. Gifford

For two years

Charles Sisson	Thomas Wood

For three years

James H. Chace	Samuel R. Buffinton

Committee on Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute

For one year

Mary R. Jones	Ruthanna H. Washburn
Alfred H. Jones	Eliza P. Price
Henry Winslow	Mary G. Winslow
Elwood A. Bailey	Eleanor S. Woodman

I. Warren Hawkes Edward H. Cook
F. Louisa Cates

For two years.

Geo. H. Cates Anna M. Priest
William H. Douglas Eliza B. Douglas
Timothy B. Hussey Clara W. Mumford
Melvin M. Bailey Lettie M. Bailey
Adeline F. Chace Sarah Marble

Rufus M. Jones.

For three years

Charles M. Bailey C. Irving Bailey
Mabel G. Bailey Joseph E. Briggs
John J. Frye Sophia D. Bailey
Hannah J. Bailey Ezra Hawkes
Emma S. Briggs Myra E. Frye

George L. Crosman

Organization

Chairman - Charles M. Bailey
Secretary - I. Warren Hawkes.

Committee on Education.

Chairman - Augustine Jones, Providence, R. I.
Secretary - Anna F. Hall, Windham Center, Me.
Treasurer - John Ellwood Paige, Lynn, Mass.

For One year.

John Ellwood Paige Ruth S. Murray
Emma Hacker.

For two years.

Gertrude W. Cartland Sarah Marble
Wilmot R. Jones

For three years

Augustine Jones Rufus M. Jones
Anna F. Hall.

Committee on Peace.

Chairman - Benjamin F. Trueblood, 3 Somerset St. Boston Mass.
Secretary - Samuel Buffum, North Berwick, Me.
Treasurer - Thomas Word, 215 State Street Boston, Mass.

For One Year.

Thomas Ford	Boston, Mass.
Ellen Bange	Dover, N. H.
Mary C. Bagley	New Bedford, Mass.
Samuel R. Buffington	Fall River, Mass.
James M. Estes	Newport, R. I.
George H. Farr	Lewiston, Me.

For Two Years.

Gertrude W. Cartland	Newburyport, Mass.
Elizabeth R. Jones	South China, Me.
Hannah P. Ladd	Providence, R. I.
Almy C. Grant	Revere, Mass.
E. Bryant Page	Lynn, Mass.
Sarah D. Brown	Amesbury, Mass.

For Three Years.

Benjamin F. Trueblood	Boston, Mass.
Charles Sisson	Providence, R. I.
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Centre, Me.
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Sarah D. Tripp	Amesbury, Mass.

Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

President - Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Me.
Secretary - Adelina T. Chace, Fall River, Mass.
Superintendent of Literature - Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H.
Superintendent of Lectures - Hannah J. Bailey
Treasurer - Elisha T. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.
(These Officers constitute the Executive Committee)

For One Year.

Mary C. Bagley	New Bedford, Mass.
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.
Jennie P. Douglas	
Edward S. Hacker	
Nellie M. Hussey	
Emily S. Hacker	
George S. Coles	East Vassalboro, Me.

For Two Years

Emeline A. Tuttle	Dover, N. H.

Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.
Clara W. Bowery	Winthrop Center, Me.
Leslie C. Meader	North Sandwich, N. H.
Albert N. Peaslee	South Pittsfield, N. H.
Elizabeth V. Roberts	Worcester, Mass.
Sarah W. McLellan	

For Three Years

Joseph H. Atwater	Anthony, R. I.
Louisa N. Meader	Saylesville, R. I.
William Ward	Lawrence, Mass.
Mary A. Chase	Manchester, N. H.
Richard Davis	Long Plain, Mass.
Adeline F. Chace	Fall River, Mass.
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.

Committee on Foreign Missions

Chairman – Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick, Me.

Recording and Corresponding Secretary – Susan T. Thompson, 33 Grove Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Treasurer – Sarah J. Swift, 22 Oak Ave. Worcester, Mass.

Executive Committee

Hannah J. Bailey	Anna M. Hussey
D. Wheeler Swift	Olney T. Meader
Melvin M. Bailey	William Thompson

Anna G. Ward

For One Year.

William Thompson	Susan T. Thompson
Ruth S. Murray	Robert P. Gifford
Ellen M. Jones	Olney T. Meader
Elizabeth Swan	William T. Hussey

For Two Years.

Henry D. Swift	M. Augusta Battey
D. Wheeler Swift	Melvin M. Bailey
Chas. H. Thorndike	Phebe A. Pinkham
Guilelma C. Ward	Mary H. Jones, of Winthrop Center

For Three Years.

Timothy B. Hussey	Anna M. Hussey
Anna G. Ward	Augustine Jones

Hannah J. Bailey — Mary E. Kimber
Sarah J. Swift — George L. Crosman

Committee on Western Indians

Chairman - William O. Newhall
Secretary - Myra E. Frye, Windsor, Me.
Treasurer - Samuel Buffum

Associated Executive Committee

William O. Newhall — Myra E. Frye
Emeline H. Tuttle — John S. Kimber

For One Year.

Edward T. Tucker — New Bedford, Mass.
Sarah J. Swift — Worcester, Mass.
Elizabeth S. Hanson — Manchester, N.H.
Ellen R. Buffum — Providence, R.I.
Myra E. Frye — Windsor, Me.
Abiano C. Goddard — Vassalboro, Me.
Anna M. Gove — Seabrook, N.H.

For Two Years.

A. Chalkley Collins — Great Barrington, Mass.
Samuel Buffum — North Berwick, Me.
Almira B. Buffum — North Berwick, Me.
John S. Kimber — Newport, R.I.
Edward A. Wilson — Winthrop Centre, Me.
E. Anna Earle — Brighton, Mass.
Susan H. Meader — 634 Warren St., Roxbury, Mass.

For Three Years

William O. Newhall — Lynn, Mass.
Mary E. Kimber — Newport, R.I.
John J. Frye — Portland, Me.
Emeline H. Tuttle — Dover, N.H.
Hannah J. Bailey — Winthrop Centre, Me.
Elizabeth A. Gifford — Adamsville, R.I.
Lettie M. Bailey

Finance Committee

Secretary and Treasurer - Robert P. Gifford

For One Year

George A. Barton — Henry C. Applebotte

For Two Years

Robert P. Gifford Hannah J. Bailey

For Three Years

Ellison R. Purdy Susan F. Hoxie

Committee on Gospel Work.

Chairman and General Superintendent — Chas. H. Jones
Amesbury, Mass.

Secretary Zilla Binns, Lawrence Mass

Treasurer — Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Center Me.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents

Rhode Island	James M. Estes
Salem	Chas. H. Thorndike
Sandwich	William Thompson
Falmouth	George H. Farr
Smithfield	John Metcalfe
Vassalboro	Linwood W. Jones
Dover	Emeline H. Tuttle
Fairfield	Joseph E. Briggs
Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland

For One Year

Edward G. Ward	Martha B. Osborne
James M. Estes	John Metcalfe
Horace M. Hall	Harriette D. Collins
Frank E. Jones	Mary E. Gifford

For Two Years

Emeline H. Tuttle	Annie Nichols
Zilla Binns	Charles H. Thorndike
Silas H. Cartland	Linwood W. Jones
John S. Kimber	Charles H. Jones

For Three Years.

William Thompson	Susan T. Thompson
Joseph E. Briggs	H. Emma Skinner
W. Carlton Jones	Mary Ainsworth
Geo. H. Farr	William P. Macomber

Church Extension Board

Chairman - Benjamin F. Trueblood
Secretary - J. Ellwood Paige
Treasurer - Thomas Wood

For One Year

Charles M. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me
Joseph E. Briggs	Winthrop Center, Me
Phebe S. Aydelott	344 Rock St. Fall River, Mass
Benjamin F. Trueblood,	3 Somerset St., Boston, Mass

For Two Years

Charles A. Chace	Fall River, Mass.
George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass
Sarah W. Newlin	Woodfords, Me
J. Ellwood Paige	Lynn, Mass.

For Three Years.

Thomas Wood	215 State St., Boston, Mass
Lewis M. Douglas	Portland, Me
Susan F. Hoxie	Sandwich, Mass
Melvin M. Bailey	Portland, Me.

Trustees

For one year - Samuel Buffum. For two years - Olney T. Meader
For three years, D. Wheeler Swift.

Committee on Bible Schools.

Yearly Meeting Superintendent - Jennie W. Crosman.
Mountain Ave, Lynn, Mass
Secretary and Treasurer - Eliza A. Jones, 329 Boston St, Lynn, Mass.

Executive Committee

Charles E. Peaslee	Gonic, N. H.
Ida C. Jones	South China, Me.
John H. Meader	634 Warren St., Roxbury, Mass.

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Rhode Island	G. Mahlon Chace
Salem	Thomas Wood
Sandwich	Bessie T. Wing
Falmouth	Albert Nichols
Smithfield	Oscar J. Morse
Vassalboro	Annie M. Priest
Dover	William T. Hussey

Fairfield	Alfred H. Hawkes
Parsonsfield	Ira B. Tilton

General Committee

For One Year

Elbridge W. Packard	Lewiston, Me.
Anna J. Goddard	North Freeport, Me.
Elisha F. Read	Nonsocket, R. I.
Alice M. Dow	Bolton, Mass.
Linwood H. Jones	South China, Me.
Abby C. Jenkins	East Vassalboro, Me.
George L. Crosman	Lynn, Mass.

For Two Years.

E. Annah Tucker	East Greenwich, R. I.
Mahalath R. Crowe	Lawrence, Mass.
Charles E. Peasler	Gonic, N. H.
John H. Meade	634 Warren St. Roxbury, Mass.
Florence E. Hawkes	
Ida C. Jones	South China, Me.
Mary L. Cobb	East Parsonsfield, Me.

For Three Years

Thomas J. Battey	Providence, R. I.
Marianna Gifford	Fall River, Mass.
George F. Morse	Hallowell, Me.
Daniel Moore	Somerset, Mass.
Charles E. Bishop	Lynn, Mass.
Sarah H. Faber	New Bedford, Mass.
Eliza A. Jones	Lynn, Mass.

Committee on Finance

Chairman – Robert P. Gifford

Financial Secretary – Deborah P. Atherton

Treasurer of Yearly Meeting (ex officio) Joseph D. Wood

Rhode Island	Robert P. Gifford, Phebe S. Aydelott
Salem	Olney T. Meader, Alice W. Marfield
Sandwich	Joshua L. Macomber, Susan F. Hoxie
Falmouth	L. Frank Jones, Miriam C. Webber
Smithfield	D. Wheeler Swift, Deborah P. Atherton
Vassalboro	William A. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones
Dover	Anna M. Hussey, George I. Jenness

Fairfield — Henry Winslow — Hannah J. Bailey
Farmington — John B. Cartland, Mary E. Cartland

Committee on Income of Mother Fund.
Secretary — Deborah P. Atherton
Treasurer — J. Ellwood Paige
For One Year
Alfred H. Jones — Deborah P. Atherton
Mary L. Cobb
For Two Years.
Samuel Griffiths — J. Ellwood Paige
Susan Pickham
For Three Years.
Edward L. Macomber — Alice W. Hawkes
Clara N. Mumford
Trustees of Mother Fund.
Charles M. Bailey — Olney T. Meader
Josephine D. Ward.

Committee on Purity — (Men's)
Elkins R. Purdy — Alvano C. Goddard
Charles H. Jones.

Committee on Purity (Women's)
For One Year
H. Elizabeth Jones — Amesbury, Mass
Abby P. Jenkins — East Vassalboro, Maine
Martha B. Osborne — Manchester, Vt.
Phebe L. Pope — East Parsonsfield, Me
For Two Years
Mary A. Chase — Manchester, N. H.
Elizabeth T. Larkin — Peabody, Mass
Caroline H. Tuttle — Dover, N. H.
Adeline C. Chace — Fall River, Mass.
For Three Years
Emily S. Hicks — Vassalboro, Me
Alice E. Earle — Fiskeville, R. I.
Lucy A. Sumner — Windham Center, Me
Adeline L. T. Davis — Millville, Mass.

Committee on Revision of the Discipline.

Chosen by the Quarterly Meetings

Rhode Island	Walter S. Meader	Adeline F. Chace
Salem	Charles H. Jones	Mary B. Swan
Sandwich	Edward T. Tucker	Ruth S. Murray
Falmouth	John J. Frye	Lucy R. Goddard
Smithfield	William P. Pinkham	Deborah P. Atherton
Vassalboro	William H. Cates	Etta S. Cates
Dover	Samuel Buffum	Emeline H. Tuttle
Fairfield	J. Warren Hawkes	Hannah J. Bailey
Parsonsfield	Elizabeth G. Meader	Silas H. Cartland

Additional Appointments by the Yearly Meeting.

Rufus M. Jones	Augustine Jones
Joseph E. Briggs	Benjamin F. Trueblood
Alfred H. Jones	John Ellwood Paige
Phebe S. Aydelott	William O. Newhall
George A. Barton	H. Herbert Goddard
Robert P. Gifford	Susan Peckham
Edward G. Ward	Jesse McPherson
Myra E. Frye	Charles W. Webber
Phebe L. Pope	Susan F. Hoxie
Mary W. Jones.	

To London Yearly Meeting of Friends:-

Dear Brethren - We greet you as members with us in the same household of faith and as partakers with us in the fellowship of Christ, both in His gifts and in His service. We have enjoyed your words of fraternal love and counsel and we have been glad to welcome at our sessions two of your gifted members, John Wilhelm Rowntree and Alfred Neave Brayshaw.

The keynote of our meeting this year has been the realization of our responsibilities and opportunities in the world. We have had a new sense of the value and the possibilities of human lives and immortal souls. We realize that education and religion should go hand in hand as two indissoluble forces to put man at his best and to widen the scope and range of his service. We are seeing that we cannot take our part of the work, as a branch of the Church, in promoting Peace, or Temperance or Purity in politics, unless we are able to understand the real problems and situations which confront us, and unless we can wisely contribute to the solution of these problems. Along this line we wish to make progress and we rejoice that we have under our care two schools which are centres of light and influence. We are conscious that we do not yet succeed in doing all we should in impressing our communities and neighborhoods with the transforming power of the Gospel of Christ but it is growing upon us that it is our mission and business as a branch of the Church and as individual Christians to bring men and women to Christ and to interpret Him to those who know Him not as yet.

We find that as our interest and efficiency in this home work increases, our zeal for foreign mission work heightens and the more faithfully we attend to the one the better we can do the other. Our mission work at Ramallah in Palestine has a deep hold of our hearts and we believe that our work there is now firmly established and wisely organized for the accomplishment of our Master's work in this land where His earthly

life was passed.

Our meeting has much rejoiced at the reports which have reached us from the Conference at the Hague and we are hoping and praying for the establishment of a permanent Tribunal for the peaceful settlement of international differences and we are gratified that the representatives of your nation and ours are working together so harmoniously for the attainment of this great end.

Our reports from our workers among the Indians are encouraging and we feel, as we have for many years, that these native Americans have peculiar claims upon our sympathies and our efforts. There has been throughout our sessions a deep sense of the divine Presence and the ministry has been vital and edifying. We have felt drawn together in love and union with all our sister Yearly Meetings as we have read the epistles from them and our hearts go out in love and fellowship to those who with us are laboring for the extension of the kingdom of God.

May you be strengthened with might by His spirit and may you be equipped for an ever increasing service along your many lines of activity.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland:-

Dear Friends:-

As you gather in the springtime, surrounded by the fresh and abundant verdure which marks that season, especially in your land, may your hearts be filled with thanksgiving that the "winter is over and gone" and the "time of the singing of birds is come"; and as outward nature revives from the death-like sleep of winter, so may there be a spiritual awakening to new life in Christ Jesus to many souls.

We have read with pleasure your kind greeting and gladly send you in return assurance of our interest in your welfare and encouragement to continue in your faithful service for the Master. Like you, we have to mourn absent faces - more this year than usual, for the list of those who had been "called home" was long. But the record also showed that "many days" had been their portion and we believe their lives have not been fruitless here. May those who are now coming into more active service be afresh incited to follow Jesus as they followed Him. A saintly man once said, "I dare avouch that wherever I have seen the prints of my Master's feet I have cried to set my own." It is a good path and a safe one and its end is eternal happiness and glory.

Many of our young people have gathered with us and their bright faces have cheered us. The Christian Endeavor work is going on successfully in our borders and we trust it may be a kind of "school of the prophets" where many may be training for much usefulness. The church and Christ cause has need of these.

Our hearts have been filled with interest as Timothy B. Hussey and his wife have told us of the work at Ramallah, whence they have just returned. The people of the Holy Land seemed to be our neighbors, and the thousands of miles between us to vanish away, as we were brought closely in sympathy with the needs the Representative missionaries were also present from the East and from the West, and as in the days of the Psalmist, "From the rising of the sun unto the going down

thereof, the Lord's name was praised.

The committees in other departments of our church work have reported progress and we give thanks for what they have been enabled to accomplish, while we have been advised not to forget our individual responsibility and that every man should be in his place about the camp.

We affectionately bid you farewell, echoing your sweet wish that "the love of Christ may become increasingly precious to us all."

With the salutation of love we are your friends.

To the Monthly Meeting of Friends at Ramallah.

Dear Friends:-

There has been much to remind us of you during our Yearly Meeting and our thoughts have often been turned towards Ramallah. Our dear friends Timothy and Anna Hussey have spoken much about you, and as they have shown us pictures of your village, meeting house, and school buildings, and especially of your faces, it seemed almost as if you were with us. It does not seem possible that such wide seas separate us; indeed we are not far apart for we are all of us in our Father's house and sit down together at our Father's table.

In your welcome letter you speak of the living labor which has been performed among you and of your gratitude to us. You too have been a help to us. A blessing has come in reaching out our hands in Christian affection to those who live where our Saviour walked. Then too when your letters tell us of those who, once dwelling in darkness, now walk after the Spirit, our faith is strengthened. Whenever a messenger comes to us with tidings of your faith we have new and helpful thoughts about the riches of our Father's mercy.

At the opening of our Yearly Meeting, precious words were spoken about the love of God, and we have been sweetly sensible of that love all through our meetings. How important it is that we have that spirit that drives away envies and jealousies and all manner of sin and transforms us into the image of our blessed Lord.

We sympathize with your desire for a boys school and for all that will make your friends better and happier, but while you and we wait for special favors from the Lord, shall we not be faithful to every opportunity of service that we meet? If we follow closely in the footsteps of Jesus, we shall prove a blessing to those who watch us. If we are faithful in prayer we shall see the conversion of our friends.

To you who are our joy in the Lord, we send our love and our Christian greeting.

American Epistle

To ..... Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends:-

We greet you in the love and faith of Jesus Christ. Your cordial expressions of sympathy and Christian fellowship have cheered our hearts.

We rejoice that since our last annual gathering the war with Spain has been brought to a close and diplomatic relations with that country have been resumed. But as a result of the conflict a deplorable condition of darkness and superstition in these Spanish speaking islands so near our shores has been revealed, and has laid upon Friends, together with other Christian bodies, a fresh responsibility to carry the light of the Gospel to this people.

We are increasingly convinced that a unity of purpose and a similarity of service characterize all of our Yearly Meetings; so that when any line of religious or philanthropic work is mentioned, a chord of sympathy is touched that vibrates from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Should a uniform discipline be adopted, we believe this union of faith and practice will be greatly strengthened.

The value of education has been pressed upon us by earnest and successful educators. Our two Boarding Schools are doing most excellent work, but their usefulness will be largely increased when the Church constantly holds them in fervent prayer before the throne of God. Christianity and education must be united that the gifts and powers of the individual may reach their highest development. A writer has well said "God holds us responsible, not for what we have, but for what we might have; not for what we are, but for what we might be."

Our Christian Endeavor Societies are co-operating with the Church in all lines of aggressive work, very much to our gratification and encouragement.

Our mission at Ramallah has been brought very close to us, by the return of our beloved missionaries Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey. The completion of the large

addition to the Girls' Training Home and the granting of the license by the Turkish government, with all that that implies have placed the mission upon a substantial foundation

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We desire to emphasize the deeply spiritual character of our Yearly Meeting and the pervading sense of brotherly love which prevails.

In the bonds of Christian fellowship, we are
Your friends

To be inserted in the foregoing as indicated by the stars

For North Carolina.

We note with interest the definite forward step taken by so large a number of your young people in pledging themselves to be "out and out for Christ." May our Heavenly Father strengthen them that they may be true to their pledge, not only for the coming year but throughout their whole lives.

We rejoice with you that you are to have another representative in the foreign field, and trust not only that she may be blessed in her work and be made a blessing, but that you yourselves may have a share in the blessing as you send her forth followed by your prayers.

For Wilmington

We regret the accident that deprives us of the usual epistle from you, but rejoice in the realization of your continued loving interest and sympathy with us. We have, however, a living epistle from your meeting — Mary E. Mears — and her messages in our midst have been very helpful to us. We are glad to welcome her as a member of our meeting.

For Ohio.

Our hearts respond most deeply to your expression of intense interest in the Foreign Mission work,

especially as two of our own consecrated young people are anticipating entering a foreign field under your auspices. May the rich blessing of Him, who has made of one blood all nations to dwell upon the face of the earth, rest upon all your efforts to dispel heathen darkness by the presentation of the true light, Jesus Christ.

For Canada.

We most sincerely congratulate you upon the success of Pickering College and rejoice with you that the heavy debt so long upon it has been lifted. We believe the church has no more valuable ally than an educational institution equipped with a corps of teachers filled with the Holy Ghost.

We have been glad to have with us one of your faithful elders, whose practical words upon various subjects have been helpful

For Oregon.

We rejoice with you at the good reports from your missionaries in Alaska and that your young people on hearing the call to foreign fields have said "Here am I, send me." A young man and his wife from our numbers have told us of God's calling them to work in China and of how he is opening the way for them to go. Wherever we individually may be called to work, God grant that we may be faithful It is not only talents but faithfulness that counts.

To the Sick and Afflicted:-

After another year, so filled with the abundant blessings of our Heavenly Father, we are again assembled in the capacity of New England Yearly Meeting, and while it is our privilege to enjoy the counsel and instruction of the dear ministers of the Gospel, and to listen with burning hearts to the thrilling experiences of our returned missionaries; and while we are permitted to follow out and become familiar with all the varied lines of work taken up by our faithful committees, we do not forget you who by the Providence of God are denied these opportunities.

We want to extend to you, out of hearts warm with loving sympathy, our annual greeting, and we pray that He who has permitted you to be shut away from the bustle and the activities of life, may richly compensate by giving you an added portion of His holy spirit, and by so teaching you the sweet lessons of faith and trust, that your lives may become living testimonies to the Gospel of our Lord.

Very precious indeed is the ministry of that sick room where the Saviour is an abiding guest, and where the patient sufferer, at noontide and the midnight hour, holds sweet communion with his God

Our hearts have been made glad at this time by the safe return to America of our dear friends, Timothy B. and Anna M. Hussey, who have labored so faithfully the past few years in the Eli and Sybil Jones Mission at Ramallah, and who have left behind them such lasting and substantial proofs of God's faithfulness to His servants.

"'Tis sweet to teach where Jesus taught,
And tread with Him Gennesaret's strand;
But where so e'er your work is wrought
Dear hearts shall be your Holy Land."

We have also with us at this time a young man and his wife who are hoping soon to enter the mission field in China, and we hope that in your quiet corners, and in the hush of the sick room, your prayers will often ascend

for the blessing of God upon them.

We earnestly desire that our loved country may soon be free from war, and that the cry "to arms" shall never again be heard in our land, but instead may the glorious Prince of Peace reign in all hearts, and the "peaceable fruits of righteousness" be everywhere apparent.

In conclusion, may God bless you, and verify to you His precious promise that "these light afflictions which are but for a moment, shall work for you a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

For New England Yearly Meeting of Friends 1899.

Letter to the Children.

Dear children:-

At one time when our Saviour was upon earth, he took the children in His arms, put His hands upon them and blessed them and said "suffer the little children, and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." To-day He sits upon the throne at the right hand of the Father, but looks down with tender compassion upon us all, especially upon those who are the lambs of His fold. He loves you very dearly, and wants you to love Him. He has given you many blessings for which you can praise Him. He has taught you to love one another and to be kind and obedient to your parents and to those who have the care of you. When you are in trouble you can go to him and he will help you; if you have done wrong you can ask Him to forgive you and He will answer your prayers.

He would like to have you remember the heathen children who have never heard the story of Jesus. You can be missionaries by saving your pennies to help send those to foreign lands who can preach the Gospel to them and teach the precious truths of the Bible.

You can be peacemakers by telling others who sometimes say unkind words and do unkind things that it is wrong and Jesus wants them to be loving and kind. A school boy who had a Christian mother was once annoyed by his school mates who tried to vex him by throwing stones at him. He took it patiently and when at night he knelt by his mother in prayer he prayed for his enemies and asked God to bless them, as Jesus has taught us all to do.

Dear children, always speak the truth; do not take the name of the Lord in vain; remember the Golden Rule "As ye would that others should do to you, do ye even so to them"

Jesus will be your Saviour if you give your hearts to Him. He will help you to do right and to follow Him all the days of your life, and by and

by give you a home in Heaven

1900.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in joint session at Newport R.I. beginning on Sixth day Sixth Month 8th, 1900.

2. Our several Quarterly Meetings report that they have appointed Representatives to attend this meeting, whose names being called, sixty-nine were present and sixteen absent. The places of absentees having been filled as far as practicable, as per instructions in Minute No. 3, the list is as follows:

Rhode Island — Susan Peckham, Louisa N. Meader
Charles Tisson, Robert P. Gifford, Joseph H. Atwater
Alice C. Earle, Elizabeth Tucker, Obadiah Chace
Isaac B. Macomber, Josephine W. Kimber, John S. Kimber

Salem — Hiram V. Gould, Phebe H. Burton
George C. Herbert, Zillah Binns.
W. Carleton Jones, Mary Almy Chase
Deborah W. Crosman, Mahalath R. Coombs
Anna M. Gove, Daniel C. Maxfield
Charles H. Thorndike, Frank Howland.

Sandwich — Joshua L. Macomber, Anna G. Ward
Bessie T. Wing, Susan F. Hoxie, Harriet S. Davis
Lydia Gifford, Elizabeth C. Ewer, Esther D. Macomber
George R. Ward, N. Henry Wilbur

Falmouth. Lucy R. Goddard, Lewis M. Douglas
Ellison R. Purdy, Ezra Hawkes, John J. Frye
Alice W. Hawkes, Alfred T. Ware, Melvin M. Bailey
Mary Ann Maxfield, Myra E. Frye.

Smithfield — Paul A. Randall, Sarah J. Swift
Elizabeth V. Roberts, Emeline H. Tuttle, L. Wheeler Swift.
Alice M. Low, Deborah P. Atherton, Jennie Allyne.

Vassalboro. William A. Jones, Eliza P. Pierce
Elizabeth K. Jones, Linwood W. Jones, Alvano C. Goddard
Emma M. Jones, Evelyn J. Prescott, Willis C. Hawes
John Jones.

Dover — William V. Ware, Mary Hamilton, Flora S. Ewer
Elizabeth [illegible] Lord, Clarence J. Pinkham
Connolly [illegible] Hussey, Anna M. Hussey

Fairfield - Joseph E. Briggs, Hannah J. Bailey
Henry C. Hawkes, Mary W. Jones (of Winthrop Center)
Charles H. Wordman, A. Edward Kelsey, Henry Winslow
Alfred W. Hawkes, Martha W. Osborne, Mary G. Winslow
Augustus F. Morse. Herbert E. Ciphers.

Parsonsfield - Silas H. Cartland, John B. Cartland
Will S. Weeks, Emily M. Jones.

3. The Representatives are authorized to fill any vacancies which may occur in their several delegations.

4. Duly accredited ministers from other Yearly Meetings are in attendance of this meeting, viz:-

Seneca H. Stevens, Mary J. Weaver and Albert Syze from New York Yearly Meeting.

Willis R. Hotchkiss, Walter S. Aldrich and Isaac L. Kinsey from Ohio Yearly Meeting

Susan B. Sisson and Anna Davis from Iowa Yearly Meeting

Charles W. Goddard and Ashton C. Hanson from Kansas Yearly Meeting

Elders with credentials are also present from other Yearly Meetings, viz:-

Phebe T. Stevens, wife of Seneca H. Stevens from New York Yearly Meeting.

Sarah J. Pickrell, companion to Susan B. Sisson, from Iowa Yearly Meeting.

Annie M. Goddard, wife of Charles W. Goddard, from Kansas Yearly Meeting

5. The following committee is appointed to prepare returning minutes for our visiting friends as way shall open:

Charles H. Jones, Timothy B. Hussey, Ellison R. Purdy
Susan T. Thompson, Susan Peckham and Mary W. Jones.

6. We appoint the following committee to audit the Treasurer's account to the present time, to propose a Friend to serve as Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, one for Treasurer of Providence Founding School Funds, and one for Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, viz:-

Charles A. Chace, Daniel E. Maxfield, Olney T. Meader
Robert P. Gifford, Charles H. Wordman, Thomas [illegible]

Anna M. Gove and Susan H. Meader.

7. Information from Quarterly Meetings:

Rhode Island - Providence Monthly Meeting to be held at Cayleville, R.I. in Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Months of 1900 and at Providence the remainder of the year, day and hour unchanged.

Swansea Monthly Meeting has established a meeting for worship at Friends meeting-house, Stafford Road, Fall River.

It has united with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in recording Thomas Ingram and William J. [illegible] and with Providence Monthly Meeting in recording Thomas Y. Jackson, Ministers of the Gospel. Also with Greenwich Monthly Meeting in the appointment of John Babcock, Mary P. Babcock, Mary Anna Gould and Elvira M. Perry, and with Swansea Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Nancy H. Chace to the station of Elder.

Salem - The time of holding Veare Preparation Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has been changed from 10 to 10.30 A.M.

The time and place of holding Boston Monthly Meeting in Second, Fifth, Seventh and Tenth Months has been changed to 7.45 P.M. on the second Sixth day in the months mentioned, and to meet in Boston instead of Lawrence.

Boston Preparation Meeting has been dispensed with.

Zillah Binns has been appointed Correspondent of Lawrence Monthly Meeting (address 12 Berkeley Street, Lawrence, Mass)

The place of holding Salem Monthly Meeting in Sixth, Eighth, and Ninth Months has been changed from Lynn to East Lynn.

The hour of holding the meeting at East Lynn on First day morning has been changed from 10.30 to 10.45.

It has united with Salem Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Joseph G. Smith. With Amesbury Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Francis Pensler to the station of

Elder, and with Boston Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Sarah H. Tuckford to the station of Elder, and with the same meeting in the appointment of six associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has united with New Bedford Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Edmund Taber to the station of Elder. Hannah S. Wing, a minister, has removed to reside within the limits of Western Yearly Meeting.

The hour of the mid-week meeting at Matt[illegible] has been changed from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. on the same day of the week as heretofore, except on the particular day when the Preparative meeting is held at that place.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of nine associate members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting has united with Vassalboro Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gifts and approving the public ministry of Wilbur A. Estes and Evellyn J. Prescott.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Susan Wentworth to the station of Elder, and with Sidney Monthly Meeting in the appointment of two associate members of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

8. We are informed that all our Quarterly Meetings have directed the payment of their several proportions of Yearly Meeting stock to the Treasurer of this meeting.

9. Required statistics, summarized from returns made by our Quarterly Meetings appear in the following table.

Statistical Report of New England Yearly Meeting
From Third Month 1st 1899 to Third Month 1st 1900.

	Statistics of Ministers & Elders & Associates			Statistics of Membership												Statistics of Children						
	Number of Ministers	Number of Elders	No. of Associate Members including Ex officio	Number of members reported last year.	Error in last years Report – Gain	Error in last years Report – Loss	Births	Deaths	Received in	Received out	Released	Gains	Loss	Present Number of Members.	Number in attendance between 4 and 12	Number of children between 12 and 21	No. attending School taught or controlled by Friends	No. between 12 & 21 attending School taught or controlled by Friends.	No. attending College	No. attending College taught or controlled by Friends.
Rhode Island	22	33	65	941			6	17	1	3	36	7	16		957	82	87	132	20	19	5	4
Salem	14	47	45	728		7	3	15	100	98	30	8	5		783	44	62	79	9	9	8	
Sandwich	12	18	64	483			1	14		1	2			12	471	40	37	39	15	10		
Falmouth	18	32	7	583		19	3	9	7	5	42	1	18		601	41	56	86	18	12	4	
Smithfield	8	22	24	281	4		2	7	8	3	2	1	5		286	20	19	32	5	5	3	2
Vassalboro	16	36	12	459		2		4		2	28	2	18		477	26	37	47	11	8		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	174			1	3	1	1	1			4	170	20	10	15	12	12	1	
Fairfield	12	34	23	710		10	3	11	2	6	4	17		35	675	118	48	82	3	3	1	
Parmufield	5	7	20	138				3	1			3		5	133	8	12	10	4			
	110	247	273	4497	4	38	14	83	120	122	145	39	62	56	4503	334	368	522	97	68	22	6

Names of Ministers (Deceased)	Date of Death	Age in years, or in what year of his age.	Monthly Meetings to which they belonged.
Mary Jane Goddard	Fourth Month 21st, 1900	57th year	Durham
William P. Varney	Eighth Month 29th, 1899	67th year	Maple Grove
Elijah Cook	Twelfth Month 29th, 1899	60th year	Vassalboro
Names of Elders (Deceased)			
Tacy T. Hawker	Sixth Month 16th, 1899	82d year	Salem
Alfred Manning	Twelfth Month 12th, 1899	70th "	"
Sara F. Hoag	Fifth Month 13th, 1899	91st "	Boston
Susan L. Meader	First Month 20th, 1900	89th "	"
Mary Haffard	Ninth Month 13th, 1899	71st "	New Bedford
Amelia F. Purdy	Fifth Month 4th, 1900	34th "	Falmouth
Abigail Wheeler	Fourth Month 2d, 1899	79th "	Uxbridge
Calvin [illegible] Rockwood	Eighth Month 19th, 1899	80th "	"
Daniel Meader	Eighth Month - 1899	87th "	Dover
Joseph Winslow	Eighth Month 18th, 1899	75th "	St. Albans
Susan Wentworth	First Month 20th, 1900	66th "	Winthrop
Eli Meader	Third Month 8th, 1900	68th "	Rindsville

10. We appoint the following Committee to prepare and present to a future sitting a summary of the answers to the queries:

William P. Macomber, Olney T. Meader, Alice H. Maxfield, Jesse Mac Pherson, Bessie T. Wing and Adeline T. Chace.

11. The Representatives are directed to present to our next sitting names of Friends to constitute a standing committee on nominations, and it is recommended that such committee be made up partially of Friends who did not serve in this capacity last year.

12. Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

13. Afternoon, met at the time of adjournment.

14. The Representatives have presented the following nominations for Clerks, viz:

Clerk: John Ellwood Paige
Assistant Clerk: Daniel C. Maxfield
Clerk of Women's Meeting: Deborah P. Atherton.
Assistant Clerk of Women's Meeting: Susan Peckham.

These nominations being considered, were approved, and the Friends named are appointed to the several positions assigned them for one year.

15. The Representatives have also presented names of Friends to serve as a standing Committee on Nominations, which are approved and the appointments made:

Charles A. Chace, Elizabeth A. Gifford, Zillie Binns, George C. Herbert, Joshua L. Macomber, Bessie T. Wing, John J. Frye, Lucy R. Goddard, Alice M. Dow, Elizabeth V. Roberts, Alvano C. Goddard, Eliza P. Pierce, Timothy B. Hussey, Flora S. Evans, Martha B. Osborne, A. Edward Kelsey, Silas H. Cartland, Will S. Weeks.

16. The report of the Providence Boarding-School Committee has been read and listened to with deep interest. We are again made conscious of our debt of gratitude to the men of long ago whose clear foresight and benevolent intent, under the leading and guiding of the Master, laid the foundation of this institution which has become so dear to the heart of this Yearly Meeting and through the [illegible]

and we are justified to know that the tendency of the school in all departments, physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual, is continually upward.

Report of Providence Boarding School Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends - The Committee in charge of the Providence Boarding School present this their Eighty-First Annual Report. The Sixth Quinquennial Educational Conference of the Society of Friends in America was held at the school house, Sixth Month 28th to the 30th 1899. Able and instructive addresses were delivered and essays read, upon educational topics which more particularly concern the Society of Friends. Valuable discussions followed, in which many of our most eminent educators in America took an active part. The proceedings of this Conference, as a whole, have, we think, been of permanent benefit to our schools and to our membership, in New England and elsewhere.

Hannah J. Bailey of Winthrop Maine one of our associates gave to the School more than two hundred large-sized photogravures before the opening of the Autumn Term. These were framed in our shop in beautiful oak and two of them placed in each students room, one picture being for art study, the other for picturesque effect. The School has had many similar donations in times past from our dear Friend which have very much contributed to make it an attractive and instructive home.

The School has been larger during the year than usual. There have been two hundred and seventy different persons under its instruction, some for shorter and others for longer periods of time.

The standard in its educational work has been fully sustained. Its religious interest has continued strong and deep. Many persons have taken a new start in Christian life and have walked consistently with their holy profession, so far as we are informed.

Frank A. Brown of Millville Mass. went home sick early in the Autumn Term, and on the 5th of Twelfth Month, 1899, passed away. He was a very

[illegible] and the entire School was brought into deep [illegible] with his bereaved family.

We had an attack of measles First Month 5th 1900 [illegible] spread until Second Month 20th before we were free from the malady. The number of persons afflicted was nineteen. We had great cause for gratitude that no case proved fatal, and so far as we know all were restored to sound health.

We had some cases during the last term of influenza but otherwise the health of the family has been excellent.

Mary E. Rawson, who had been teacher of music for twenty-two years at the School, departed this life on the seventh of Third Month, 1900. She was a remarkable person, whose influence for good and for the building of character among young people was very potent, and it will be difficult to fill her place. Her exemplary Christian life, her cultured personal influence, we deeply need.

The need of a Gymnasium is constantly present with us. Invitations have been sent far and wide expressing our need, and appealing to the generosity of Friends for the funds to construct it. We hope that these efforts will be crowned with blessing and success. Several thousand dollars have already been subscribed.

It has been decided, at the coming Commencement, Sixth Month 26th, to have a reunion of all who can be reached and induced to return for a single day to our academic grove to the haunts of childhood and youth to visit the [illegible] mother [illegible] before we enter the Twentieth Century.

Our hearts we believe are sincerely grateful to that Divine Providence which has hitherto granted to Friends School His choisest blessings, from its very beginning to the present time.

The following form of Application has been adopted by the Committee, a copy of which can be obtained upon application to the Principal by those who are intending to apply for scholarships, from any of the funds belonging to the School, as follows, viz:

Form of application for Scholarships at Friends School.

Providence, R. I.

This form should be filled out by or for each applicant

for a scholarship at Friends School [illegible] for the school year beginning [illegible] Month [illegible] and filed with the Principal of the School on or before [illegible] Month 25th [illegible] to be considered by the School Committee at its next meeting.

Applications not properly filled out and filed as directed may not be considered by the Committee until all other applications are disposed of.

First – Full name Age at nearest birthday

Second – Father's name Is he living His occupation

Third – Mother's name Is she living

Fourth – Post office address . . . . . .

Fifth – With whom does the applicant live?

Name of guardian, [illegible]

Sixth – Is the applicant a member of the Society of Friends?

Seventh – If a member of what Yearly Meeting?

What Monthly Meeting?

Eighth – If not a Friend, what religious service does the applicant attend?

Ninth – Has the applicant been a student at Friends School?

If so, how many terms? In what class?

Tenth – Has the applicant previously had a scholarship?

Eleventh – What amount in addition to a scholarship can the parents, guardian or friends pay?

Twelfth – What are the home opportunities for attending school?

Thirteenth – What school did the applicant attend last?

In what grade?

Fourteenth – Give name and address of two references

Fifteenth – Number of brothers and sisters between ten and twenty years of age.

Sixteenth – If over sixteen years of age, what occupation has the applicant in prospect?

Date Mo. 190

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Signed by Applicant Signed by parent or guardian

Note – One of the most serious interruptions of the School is the frequent home-visiting of the students, therefore it is earnestly desired that those receiving scholarships should refrain from this as much as circumstances will admit.

Address communications to Augustine Jones Tower School Providence, R. I.

Officers of Government and Instruction:

Augustine Jones, A.M., LL.D.	Principal & Political Science
Charles E. Cobb	Governor & Director of Gymnasium
Evelyn Barrows, S.B.	Preceptress and English Studies
Thomas J. Battey, A.M.	Natural Science
Mary E. Rawson (Deceased)	Vocal & Instrumental Music.
Sophia L. Pitman	Drawing and Painting
Walter S. Meader, A.M.	Higher Mathematics
Horatio B. Knox, A.M.	Greek and Latin
Charles R. Jacob, A.B.	Modern Languages
Helen L. Thomas, A.B.	History and Literature
Mary Abbie Wheeler, A.B.	English Studies.
Carrie R. Thomas	Primary Department
Eliza L. Gardiner	Assistant in Drawing and Painting
Allen W. Weeks	Mechanic Arts
Frank H. Owen, A.B.	Associate Governor & English Studies
Hamilton C. Macdougall	Vocal and Instrumental Music
Helen L. Weber	Physical Training for Girls
Gideon [illegible] Congdon	Special in Mechanical Drawing
Caroline Fenno Chase	Secretary and Bookkeeper
Caroline Ruthlone Jones	Librarian

Lecturer-

Thomas J. Battey, A.M. Natural Science

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the School per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund, $75. Credit to a member of another Yearly Meeting, by scholarship from the same fund of $25. And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the scholarship of the Charitable Fund, of $75. The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one years instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, of $10; for one years instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made, except when occasioned by pro-

merged scholars and then a reduction of one half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Note - The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 12th 1900 and the Spring Term begins Second Month 6th 1901 application for admission to the School should be made personally for the meeting of the Committee Seventh Month 5th, 1900

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Funds should be sure to file their applications with the Principal on or before Seventh Month 20th 1900.

Signed on behalf of the Committee
William C. Newhall, Clerk.

Providence Fifth Month 22d, 1900.

Statement of Providence School Accounts for the Year Ending Seventh Month 1st 1899.

Receipts.

General Stockholders Fund	$14,500.00
Charitable Fund	2,025.00
Stephen T. Olney Fund	1,020.00
Elizabeth Fry Fund	1,500.00
E. Cattell Fund	150.00
P. J. Tribe Fund	100.00
Student Accounts	38,140.96
Auxiliary Studies	3,146.45
Day School Tuition	750.00
	$51,336.41

Expenditures.

Salary Account	$17,080.00
Wages Account	11,782.87
Provisions Account	9,612.97
Repairs and Renewals	4,780.01
Fuel and Light	1,357.35
Water	448.69
Advertising	1,277.44
Library Account	284.88
Papers & Periodicals	41.95
Sundries	105.27
Publication Account	97.75

Lecture account	514.26
Improvement Account	390.00
Balance	3556.97
	$57,536.41

J. H. Chase
R. P. Gifford
Charles Sisson
Finance Committee.

Accounts examined and found correct, C. E. Cobb.

Report of the Real Estate Committee

To the Yearly Meeting:

Sold one lot of land on the east side of Arlington Ave 10,000 ft.	$1,500.00
Sold one lot of land on the west side of Arlington Ave. 17,947 ft.	$3,726.37
Received on account of sale of lot on the south side of Olney street, the deed not yet delivered	700.00
	$5926.37

Contra.

Paid for Commissions	$76.80
Paid for Surveying and Platting	62.58
Paid for Grading and Concreting	155.35
Paid for Counsel Fees	14.00
Paid Treasurer of School Funds, Balance	5617.64
	$5926.37

For the Committee
Robert P. Gifford, Secretary

Providence, Fifth Month 21, 1900.

17. The report of the committee having charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute has been read and approved. This meeting appreciates very fully the hard and conscientious work that has been put into this school and we bespeak for it the support of our membership in every possible way.

Report of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

To the Yearly Meeting.

[illegible] report the school [illegible] Oak Grove during the past year [illegible] the [illegible] of the new principal Arthur H. Charles [illegible]

sisted by his wife, Carrie L. Charles, as preceptress and by efficient teachers who have labored in harmony to make the school a success. Various causes have combined to reduce the attendance somewhat from that of previous years. The registered attendance has been as follows, Fall term, 72, Winter term, 72; Spring term, 70.

Arthur M. Charles and wife appear well qualified for the duties they have assumed and enjoy the confidence of your committee, as well as of the pupils and the community in which the school is located. The discipline has been good and the progress in study commendable in every respect. Fifteen scholars received the diploma of the School. The Commencement exercises were largely attended and very satisfactory.

The religious interests of the school have been carefully guarded. Meetings for divine worship have been regularly held in the chapel; Christian teachers and Christian pupils have mingled happily together in the Master's service, and as a result of their united prayers and effort, several have been brought into the fold of Christ.

It will be seen by the report of our Treasurer that the past year has been one of financial embarrassment to your committee. But as we mark the hand of Providence and remember that He moved the hearts of some of His wealthy children to deal liberal things for this school; as we think of the many young men and maidens educated within its walls, who have been elevated and ennobled in thought and in life by the Christian principles woven into their individual character; we cannot but feel that He who has said, "The silver is mine and the gold is mine," will continue to be mindful of this plant in the East of His own planting, and will cause that in the future as in the past it shall flourish, an honor to its benefactors and to the Church, and a blessing to the community in which it is located.

The Officers of government and instruction have been:

Arthur M. Charles, A.M. Principal	English & German
Carrie L. Charles, A.B. Preceptress	French and Latin
[illegible]	[illegible]

Albano C. Goddard,	History and Mathematics
W. Edward Lamb	Commercial Department
Susan May Walker	Elocution & Physical Culture
Emma R. [illegible]	Music
Anna M. Priest	Drawing and Printing
Henrietta H. Johnston	Primary Department

Communications may be addressed to Principal, Oak Grove Seminary and [illegible] Institute, Vassalboro, Maine.

For the Committee.

J. Warren Hawkes, Secretary.

Manchester, Sixth Month 4th, 1900.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

By Balance from last year	$3.62
Cash from Board & Tuition	3,093.96
Cash from Interest on Endowment Fund	658.21
Cash from Temporary Loan	3,150.00
Cash from Charles M. Bailey	287.14
Cash from Pine Lumber	155.00
Cash from State Treasurer	800.00
Cash from Gasoline	1.25
Cash from Rebate on Tax	1.93
	$8,151.11

Expenditures.

Salary Account	$2,527.44
Wages	778.04
Repairs & Renewals	326.71
Provisions	2,006.16
Books & Printing	229.41
Scholarships	384.00
Fuel	426.89
Lights	149.03
Incidentals	121.28
Paid Temporary Loan	815.00
Paid Interest on Temporary Loan	32.40
Paid Taxes on Property in the West	297.46
Paid Postage, etc.	31.79
	$8,125.61
Balance in Treasury	$25.50

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18. The Committee on Education has presented its report, which is satisfactory.

Report of Committee on Education.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee is glad to report that the Quinquennial Conference of Friends in America was held at Friends' School in Providence, 4th Month 28-30. Important subjects were introduced by the reading of papers carefully prepared by distinguished educators, members of our religious society from widely separated parts of our country. The papers and their discussion led to broader knowledge of the subjects on the part of the hearers, and to a sympathetic appreciation of the workers and of the work done in the different educational fields.

The conference showed that Friends are not only trying to live up to the high standard of the past, but also are following the course of their predecessors in being foremost in the search after truth, and that when truth is vouchsafed to them, they are earnest in their efforts in applying it to the amelioration and elevation of mankind.

Since the stock of human knowledge is constantly being added to, school and college buildings and their equipment must be changed to meet the altered conditions and the increasing demands. An endowment deemed sufficient for a school or college fifty or even thirty years ago is entirely inadequate to-day. Our two excellent boarding schools require large additions to their present endowments if they are to do their work under the best possible conditions. Reading, writing and arithmetic are hardly classed now as subjects of study, but as tools, the use of which must be gained in order that a knowledge of many subjects may be obtained. In the complex living of our time, one needs many resources for poise. As members of New England Yearly Meeting we should not only see that our membership have such resources but we should help those who come under our influence to have many permanent interests.

Perhaps as many New England girls are now graduated each year from college as thirty years ago were graduated from high schools, and we are gratified to add that among these college graduates, are a

goodly number of Friends. A mother in one of our homes where there was extreme simplicity of living, and where the strictest economy had to be practised, when asked why she was sending her daughters to college, replied: "I so longed for such opportunities myself, and I feel too, that the Lord can use a sharpened instrument better than a dull one."

It may be to the credit of our Society that many of the best colleges in our land have a Friend either as a Professor or President: Leland Stanford Jr. University, Michigan University, Penn College, Earlham, University of Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins, Bryn Mawr, Haverford, Harvard and Brown are among the number; but what should concern us is that the children within our borders shall have all the education of which they are capable, so that when the more responsible forms of service are offered to them, they may have right incentives and power.

On behalf of the Committee

John Ellwood Paige
Sarah Marble
Augustine Jones
Gertrude W. Cartland
Ruth S. Murray.

Committee on Education - Financial Statement.

Receipts

Balance from last year's account	$40.07
Error in last year's account	10.00
Received from Monthly Meetings	33.88
	$[illegible]

Payments

For Board of Delegates to the Educational Conference at Providence R. I.	$20.00
Appropriation to Loan Fund	30.00
Balance to new account	33.95
	$83.95

Loan Fund.

Balance last year	$100.00
Donations received	20.00
Appropriation from general account	30.00
	$[illegible]

J. E. Paige, Treasurer.

Newport Sixth Month [illegible] 1900.

19. Adjourned to reassemble to-morrow morning.

20. Seventh day morning the 9th. Met according to adjournment.

21. The reports of the Committee on Gospel Work and of the Church Extension Board have been read and fully considered. In the detailed report of the Gospel Committee we are made aware of earnest and faithful work carried on in nearly all parts of the Yearly Meeting: and in the assurance that no work done for the Master and in His name, done with reference to a wise adaptation to place, circumstance, and peculiar condition of people, we feel sure that results will follow, possibly in ways we have not expected. The Church Extension Board, supplementing the work of the Gospel Committee along eminently practical lines, is deserving of liberal support: and may the two, in the language of our Discipline, labor harmoniously together in gathering to Christ. A collection was taken amounting to $1800 to assist in clearing the debt upon the new house in Fall River.

Report of Gospel Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

With hearts touched anew with a sense of the unwearied patience and unfailing faithfulness of our kind Heavenly Father, we present our report of service for the past year. The apparent results are still far below what we would be glad to be able to report; but we are deeply and reverently grateful for the unmistakable evidences of the Divine blessing upon our humble efforts.

The general superintendent has visited during the year once at least, nearly all of the Quarterly Meetings, and many of the Monthly Meetings. He has held or assisted in quite a number of series of meetings and has made nearly two hundred family visits. Some of this work will appear under the reports from the different Quarterly Meetings. He has also endeavored to be helpful by correspondence with ministers and workers.

"Pray ye therefore unto the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

We have had a few earnest consecrated workers in

the field during a portion of the year whose duties have been very faithful and we trust will prove to be of permanent blessing. Much is accomplished by these efforts that only God can know. Our business is to occupy till He come.

One of the gratifying results which we note this year is the establishment of two new meetings; one by Vassalboro Monthly Meeting, within the limits of the town of East Benton Maine, the other by Swansea Monthly Meeting in the suburbs of the city of Fall River. New meeting houses have been built in both places, and the prospects are good for a still greater increase in membership. There are many towns in New England where no religious meetings are regularly held. These places offer special advantages to Friends to enter and possess the land. Friends seem peculiarly qualified to win and hold the confidence of such communities, and in many of them doubtless Friends meetings might be gathered, were Friends willing to practise the self denial necessary to carry the Gospel to them.

We fear that our Yearly Meeting fails to appreciate as it should the unspeakable importance of active evangelistic work to sustain the life and energy of the church. When our church allows its zeal and energy for the salvation of the world to decline and fade, it no longer has a right to the ancient definition that "Quakerism is primitive Christianity revived" for primitive Christianity was continually reaching out in all directions to gather in the unsaved and to build them up in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting — James M. Estes, Superintendent. A new meeting has been opened during the year within the limits of Swansea Monthly Meeting. A comfortable and suitable house has been built for its accommodation, and Sabbath afternoon and evening meetings are well attended. A prosperous Sabbath School, with about thirty members, is an important and valuable adjunct. Six meetings in this quarter have been visited. One series of meetings at each of the following places, viz. Middletown, Maplewood and Saylesville, and two series at Newport. One hundred and twenty one meetings in the five series. Family visits, one hundred and three. Professed conversions thirty. Professed renewals, eleven. Amount expended on Gospel work

not passing through our treasury $114.00

Salem Quarterly Meeting - Charles H. Thorndike, Superintendent. One series of meetings held at Salem, consisting of nine meetings. Family visits, thirty eight. Professed renewals, four. Members of the meeting very much helped and encouraged.

The little meeting at Pittsfield has been faithfully visited during the year by the Quarterly Meeting Superintendent.

The meeting at Lawrence is very faithful in family visiting.

A series of twenty two meetings was held at Lynn and several cottage prayer meetings were held there during the winter, but not under the care of the Committee.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting - William Thompson, Superintendent. One series of meetings, consisting of nine meetings, held at New Bedford. One professed renewal. Amount expended not passing through our treasury $40. Some other work done in this quarter, especially by way of family visiting, not all of which however was under the care of the Committee.

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting - George H. Farr, Superintendent. Three series of meetings, one each at Lewiston, Portland and Windham. Eighty nine meetings in all. Twenty three professed conversions forty-three professed renewals and fifty four received into membership. All of these three meetings appear to be in a prosperous condition. Amount of money expended not passing through our treasury $200. Pastoral visits not under care of Committee, 800.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting - John Metcalfe, Superintendent. Five meetings visited. One series of meetings held at Worcester and some extra meetings at Woonsocket. Forty-seven family visits. Considerable personal work done. Some care taken to visit the smaller meetings. No conversions reported, but the members of the meetings have been encouraged and strengthened.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting - Linwood W. Green, Superintendent. All the meetings in the Quarterly Meeting, except one, have been visited by some member of the Committee. Seven series of meetings have been held, one at East Vassalboro, two at East Benton one at Drown District in Benton two at Unity Plantation and one at Brooks, making two hundred and thirty meetings in all. Four hundred and thirty family visits. Twelve professed conversions. Fifteen professed renewals

Number received into membership, thirty two. Amount expended not passing through our treasury $17. As the result of the visit at East Benton a meeting has been established with a membership of thirty-two, a large Bible School and a mid week meeting.

Dover Quarterly Meeting - Emeline H. Tuttle, Superintendent. The removal last fall of Emeline H. Tuttle to another Quarterly Meeting left the quarter without a superintendent. The General Superintendent however, has extended such care as seemed necessary, and some good work has been done within its limits. Seven meetings have been visited. Gilbert Tyge, a minister from New York Yearly Meeting, has spent several months at Rochester, and his labors there and in the other meetings which he has visited have been both satisfactory and profitable. One series of eight meetings has been held at Rochester; one hundred and twenty one family visits have been made, five have professed conversion, one professed renewal and three have been taken into membership. The meetings at Rochester appear to be in a healthy condition.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting - Josephe E. Briggs, Superintendent. Four series of meetings, one at each of the following places, viz: Hallowell, Belgrade Depot, Winthrop Center and Winthrop Village. Some conversions and renewals reported in each place, but no definite number given. Other meetings in this Quarter have been visited and the membership quickened and blessed.

Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting; Silas H. Carlton Superintendent. One series, consisting of seven meetings held. Family visits, seventy eight. Professed conversions, ten. Professed renewals, ten. Amount expended not passing through our treasury $14. Twenty two meetings have been held at East Parsonsfield and North Sandwich, not under the care of the Committee but assisted in by members of it.

Summary.

Meetings visited	25
Series of meetings	24
Conversions & renewals	195
Family visits	547
Money expended not passing through our treasury	$ [illegible]

Meeting held not under care of Committee [illegible]

Pastoral visits not under care of Committee 700

As we thus summarize at the close the apparent results of the year's labor, and find it falling so far short of what we desired and anticipated at the beginning, it is a very precious and comforting thought that our compassionate Master looks not alone at what we have done, but at what we have tried to do; and we trust in many cases He is able to see results which are not visible to us. We simply lay all our work at His feet asking Him to bless and enlarge it to His own glory.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Charles H. Jones, General Superintendent.

Newport, R.I., Sixth Month 9th, 1900.

Treasurers Report.

Receipts

By Balance from last year	$185.79
Cash from H. J. Bailey	15.00
" China Monthly Meeting	11.00
" Salem Monthly Meeting	34.00
" Sandwich Monthly Meeting	13.50
" Nansen Monthly Meeting	38.15
" Westport Monthly Meeting	30.00
" Boston Monthly Meeting	32.00
" Amesbury Monthly Meeting	10.00
" Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	58.05
" Vassalboro Monthly Meeting	2.00
Bolton Monthly Meeting	1.15
" Providence Monthly Meeting	20.00
Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	13.50
New Bedford Monthly Meeting	10.70
Greenwich Monthly Meeting	2.00
Smithfield Monthly Meeting	8.32
Falmouth Monthly Meeting	11.[illegible]
[illegible] Monthly Meeting	[illegible]
[illegible] Monthly Meeting	5.50
	$508.46

Expenditures	$332.80
Balance in hands of Treasurer	175.66
	$508.46

Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer.

Report of the Church Extension Board of New England Yearly Meeting.

Since our last Yearly Meeting the Board has held three meetings, at which the field has been carefully looked over. Circulars have been issued as usual, both to individual members and to meetings, the result of which has enabled us to contribute to the needs of the meetings at North Fairfield, Lewiston, Me., South Pittsfield, N.H. and the new meeting at Fall River, Mass., also to the meeting house fund at Lawrence. For amounts see Treasurers report herewith.

The above mentioned contribution to Fall River was to aid in building a meeting house, remote from the center of the city as well as from other churches, where Friends of Fall River and Swansea have succeeded in gathering a meeting with a very hopeful outlook.

Grateful for the opportunity of using the funds that have been kindly contributed, we are aware of many other places where a judicious use of money would be of much good, and we entreat our friends not to slacken their hands in this work.

For the Board.

Benjamin F. Trueblood, Chairman.
John Ellwood Paige, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of the Church Extension Board of New England Yearly Meeting.

Balance from last year	$55.49
Received from North Sandwich Meeting	4.20
Allens Neck Meeting	2.54
[illegible]	[illegible]
Winthrop Center [illegible] Atty.	33.00
Newport, R.I. Meeting	3.69
Swansea Meeting	19.63
Lynn, Silsbee Street Meeting	5.07

Fall River Preparation Meeting	$4.11	
North Westport Meeting	2.25	
Unity Maine Meeting	4.00	
Falmouth Monthly Meeting Maine	24.00	
G.F.N.E.E. Portland Maine	15.00	
Boston Monthly Meeting	10.92	
Smithfield Monthly Meeting	12.55	
Portland, Maine, Bible School	20.00	
Melvin Bailey	20.00	
James E. Gifford	2.00	
Joseph E. Briggs	10.00	
Henry D. Swift	10.00	
Charles A. Chase	10.00	
Benjamin T. Franklin	10.00	
Greely Dow	1.00	
Samuel Wheeler	2.00	
Narcissa Crossman	2.00	
Elizabeth C. Wing	2.00	
D. Wheeler Swift	10.00	
William H. Perry	1.00	
Rebecca W. Davis	10.00	
Huldah Gifford	1.00	
Charles Bailey	1.00	
George L. Crossman	20.00	
Total		$354.05

Expenditures.

Lawrence Meeting House	$50.00	
Postage	6.00	
Printing	2.75	
Fairfield Meeting	25.00	
Lewiston Meetinghouse	100.00	
Stafford Road Meeting House, Fall River	100.00	
Pittsfield Meeting House	70.30	
		$354.05

Total Receipts $354.05

Total Expenditures 354.05

Thomas Wood, Treasurer

Newport, Sixth Month 9th, 1901.

22. [illegible] to [illegible] this afternoon.

23. After [illegible] met according to adjournment.

24. Richard H. Thomas, a minister with a minute of unity from Baltimore Monthly Meeting, and [illegible] with a minute signed by the President of the Friends Foreign Missionary Society of Ohio Yearly Meeting, are in attendance.

25. The report of the Foreign Mission Committee supplemented by graphic accounts of the work being done at Ramallah, given by those who have been on the spot, either recently or at more remote times, has brought the mission in that place very clearly before us. It is a cause of great thankfulness that this work, small in its beginning, is doing so much for the people and making its impress upon the neighborhood, and even upon the civilization of that country of the Bible.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee to whom was entrusted the care of the work of this Yearly Meeting at Ramallah, have endeavored to forward it as there has been opportunity. Circular letters have been sent around from time to time and accounts and letters published in the "American Friend", so that all Friends might be kept informed of its progress. Earnest efforts have been made to secure the needful funds for supporting the work. The Chairman of the Committee has once more visited the Mission, and reports all going on well there. Some effort has been made to send out a teacher for the English branches of study at the Training Home, and the evangelistic work has received much care and thought. It is hoped that a definite result will be attained in both cases before very long. Kestie Gabriel has kindly consented to continue her work at the Mission. The Committee present the following report from the Superintendent, telling what has been done at Ramallah during the year.

Eli and Sibyl Jones Mission, Ramallah,
Palestine, Fifth Month 10th, 1900.

To the Foreign Mission Committee of New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends: Another year of work has passed, and as we look back over it all, the times of blessing seem more than

in one count. Nor is it possible to acknowledge in detail all the numerous supplies and remembrances that have been sent, but we would gladly thank all who have so kindly helped in the work here for the Lord, and who have denied themselves for the sake of the poor people of this land.

The trunk brought by Timothy B. Hussey contained a great assortment of very useful articles, which have replaced worn out ones and replenished our empty stores in a most welcome manner.

Purchase Quarterly Meeting of New York remembered their school at Ophrah with many suitable gifts.

The fifty hymn books for use in the Training Home, given by Lawrence Meeting, were very acceptable.

A large supply of eye-water was donated by John L. Thompson, Sons & Co of Troy N.Y. and is of great use in the village work.

A number of books for the Girls Library have given new impetus to read English, and "The Union Signal" and "Scatter Seeds" have been kindly added to the papers sent regularly to us. "The American Friend" continues to be one of our blessings and the "Zion's Watchman" is also eagerly looked for every week.

A present of three handsome rugs for the parlor has made that room much more cozy and homelike, and the large number of excellent pictures so kindly given has added greatly to the school room, parlor and other rooms in the Mission Home.

Through the kind thoughtfulness of another Friend, a fine young horse has taken the place of the one that served the Mission so faithfully for many years, and is a great help in the needful riding to Jerusalem and to visit the out-schools.

A draft for $38.80 was received from John Lemly, the editor of the "Zion's Watchman," towards the support of a Bible woman.

The coming of so many Friends from America cheered and encouraged us greatly, and others who have paid us brief visits have given us the inspiration which is received from meeting those who are the Lords.

The death of Mary Ann Evans in Jerusalem mingled sadness with the joy of seeing the Friends, and

we felt very deeply for her relatives in their sorrow and affliction. But we believe the Lord's hand was even in this, and that He had a purpose in permitting it which he may reveal in His own time.

The Training Home.

The work in the Training Home has been fully up to the high standard of previous years, and the progress made by the girls is very satisfactory, and creditable to Katie Gabriel and her assistants. In the knowledge of the Bible the girls are taught thoroughly and carefully. Their minds are stored with many passages and verses, and not only the words but the spirit of the Scriptures, is clearly explained and impressed upon them. As shown in their lives and in the Peace Meetings and Christian Endeavor work, we believe there has been a growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

In the branches of Arabic and English the instruction is excellent and the advancement made very commendable.

Housework of all kinds, sewing, mending and needlework, have received due attention, and the girls are being trained to fit them for useful lives wherever their fields of work for the Master may be. Five scholars will leave us this summer, and we believe the great care and love bestowed upon them during the years they have been in the Training Home, will bear abundant fruit in the future.

There are twenty nine pupils in the school of whom three are day scholars. Many applications have been made for admission, and we hope after the summer vacation to increase the number of scholars, if the [illegible] will admit of it.

Day Schools.

The four day schools in Ramallah, Hope, North East, and Boston - are taught by graduates of the Training Home - who are earnest workers and anxious to see their scholars improve rapidly. Under their teaching the schools are well attended and the children are learning many useful lessons besides the elementary subjects they are taught. This work has done much good in the village for the former

and parents are reached through the girls. A great difference is apparent between those who go to school and those who never attend, and also between Ramallah and other villages.

The three schools in Jiffneh, Ain Areek and Ophrah are blessings to those places, and the teachers are having a good influence over the girls.

Bible Women.

When Martha Nusr left last summer to go to America her sister Hannah took her position of Bible woman, and we were very glad to have her with us again. Her work among the poor women is a most important one, and she is doing it very faithfully and well. The following brief extracts from her record will show most clearly the great needs of the people and how lovingly she is trying to help them:

"Spoke about the Bread of Life that sustains the soul, and gave a piece of soap, a towel and a wash rag to the woman. Washed the three little girls' hands faces, and feet, cleaned the room and put things out in the sun. The mother has sore eyes and was very grateful for what was done.

"Gave garments, towels, soap, old books and eye water."

"Washed two babies who are motherless."

"Found all the family had sore eyes and doctored them."

"Read the Bible to a paralyzed man."

"Talked to a boy who had been rude to his mother and cursed her."

"Gave a Gospel to a woman who had learned to read in school."

"They told me of their trouble – a very common one in this land – that when they hear the least word from their neighbors which does not please them, they begin to quarrel."

"They said, 'We beat our children much, but they will not obey us;' They think this is the only way to command obedience, but I told them of a better."

"One woman asked me to go often, and wanted to learn a little prayer to say."

"Another said she would gladly stop her work any time to read and learn."

These are but a few of the ways in which Hannah is [illegible] and blessing to those who need so much help and teaching in Bible truths.

The Mother's Meetings have been held by Emily Audi three times a week in different parts of the village so that a large number of women hear the Gospel and an [illegible] of the Saviour's love.

A blind woman once said, "I have never felt so comforted and happy in my heart as I have since attending these meetings. Though my natural eyes are shut I feel that my spiritual eyes are open, and I can sing the hymn 'Once I was blind but now I can see.'"

Another woman said: "When I used to go to church I could not understand anything of what the priest said or read. But since I have been coming to these meetings I can."

Four Mahommedan women were in the meeting one day and they listened to every word. One of them was quite touched and promised to give her heart to the Lord and try to do right

Medical Work.

During the last twelve months, nine hundred and ten persons have been assisted in obtaining medical help, at a cost of $141.60, and thirty two have been sent to the hospital in Jerusalem, for whom $65.47 has been paid.

Meetings.

The Meetings for Worship on First day and Fifth day evenings and the Bible School, are times of blessing and refreshing from the Lord. Earnest attention is given to those whom our Heavenly Father uses to deliver His messages, and His presence is manifest. We have been greatly favored to have some American and English friends with us on several occasions, and have been much benefited by their loving words.

One morning it seemed right to speak of the great famine in India, and to suggest that all who wished might have the privilege of sending a little to help those needy sufferers. This brief mention touched all hearts, and the teachers and girls in the Training Home, and some of our members responded so liberally that $2[illegible] was handed in to be sent to India. It was beautiful to see the readiness with which they gave of the little they have.

We have spoken about systematic giving, and some have seen the blessing of putting aside a certain amount [illegible]

being prepared when the opportunity comes.

The meetings of the Peace Band among the girls in the Training Home have been regularly held, and the truths of peace and love in every day life are strongly emphasized.

The Christian Endeavor meetings are bearing fruit in the lives of the girls and teachers, and the committees are models of industry and perseverance in good works. They hold weekly meetings to work and their reports show their earnestness and zeal. The following is taken from the Missionary Committee's report for Third Month, and is a fair sample of what they are doing:

"During the last month we enjoyed the privilege of making seven garments and giving them to different needy ones. The more we do in this line of work, the more our interest increases. The members of the other committees still encourage and help us. Some have given us four piasters (15 cents). Twelve piasters were earned by blacking shoes and mending stockings (45 cents). We spent eleven piasters (40 cents) for things to give to needy people, and have seventy-four piasters ($2.65) in the treasury. The smallest thing done for the poor in the village is greatly appreciated, and we desire to be used of the Lord in relieving and helping as opportunity offers."

The other committees are equally busy in their lines of work and are being blessed in their endeavors for the Master.

The Bible School Teachers Meetings have been kept up with success and profit, and the gatherings on First day evenings in the parlor, where a short talk is given and hymns are sung, are helpful and enjoyable.

The helpers and workers employed by the Mission are

Katie Gabriel Head Teacher in the Training Home.
Anesie Malouf, and Nazha Rodeslie, Teachers in the Training Home
Lamya Gibran, Teacher in Hope School, Ramallah.
Malakie Istfan Teacher in West School, Ramallah.
Martha Totah Teacher in North School, Ramallah.
Julia Salfeetie, Teacher in Boston School, Ramallah.
Jameely Rizik Teacher in Jiffneh School.
Helena Totah, Teacher in Ain Areek School,
Rachel [illegible] Teacher in Ophrah School.
Hannah Nusr & Emily Audi, Bible Women.
Hadla, Cook.

Nicola Mikhiel, Man Servant.

The buildings, grounds, walls and wood work of the house have all been kept in good repair and a few needed improvements have been made.

Twenty five thousand square feet of land adjoining the Mission property on the east have been purchased, cleared of stones, and leveled. A high boundary wall was built, and the old wall between this piece and the vineyard was taken down, making everything in good shape.

In conclusion, we would gratefully acknowledge the goodness of our God, and that He has indeed been with us and supplied all our needs, through His great love towards us.

Most heartily

Yours in His service,

Wilfrid & Della D. Rowntree.

Treasurer's Report

Received for Foreign Mission work, for the year ending Sixth Month 1st, 1900.

From the sale of photographs of Ramallah views	$57.25
Collection taken at Newport Missionary Meeting	13.17
" " Fall River " "	5.00
Friends Sewing Circle, Maple Grove, Me.	5.00
Busy Bee Mission Band, South China, Me.	5.00
Childrens Mission Band, Belvidere, N.C. by E. H. Johnston	5.00
Childrens Band, Worcester, Mass.	5.00
Robert L. & Evelyn Gifford, Chicago	25.00
Samuel Miles	5.00
E. McG. Bentz, for Ohio Avenue Meeting, Columbus, O.	10.00
Lydia Haight	5.00
Leverett M. Chase	1.00
Ellen M. Jones & Maria P. Maxfield	7.00
Huldah Gifford	12.00
Ellen Collins New York	20.00
Maria T. Willis	10.00
Abby M. Harris	20.00
Martha [illegible]	10.00
Caroline C. Earle	50.00
Peley [illegible]	[illegible].00
[illegible]	[illegible]

Ann R. Colton		$25.00
Clara D. Willits, Moorestown N.J.		10.00
Friends at College Park, California by S.A. Jones		10.00
A. Chalkley Collins		5.00
S. J. Swift		75.00
Mrs. Hitchcock New Bedford		5.00
Anthony M. Kimber		2.50
Phebe C. Wright, Sea Girt, N.J.		4.00
Mary Willits, Sea Girt, N.J.		2.50
J. R. Hamilton Chicago		10.00
Mrs. C. L. Hamilton, Chicago		10.00
Contributions from Emily P. Yeo and others, paid T. B. Hussey, on ship to Palestine		4.00
Children and others in Worcester meeting for a new horse and his keeping		160.00
William and Susan T. Thompson		25.00
Rev. Alex. Mac Call, collection taken after R. Hussey's lecture at Briarcliffe, N.Y.		22.59
Etta S. Cates		5.00
W.F.M.S. of Indiana Yearly Meeting, for medical work		50.00
John D. Hicks Westbury, N.Y.		50.00
By Mary M. Post, President W.F.M.S. of New York:		
Helen Aldrich	$6.00	
Caroline Smith	5.00	
Lucy Carpenter	10.00	
Friends East Side Mission, New York	15.00	
W.F.M.S. Auxiliary, New York	5.00	
Junior Christian Endeavor Society at Westbury, L.I.	10.00	
		57.00
Interest on Permanent Fund		66.65
Borrowed for Mission Expenses		420.00
J. D. Wood, Treasurer New England Yearly Meeting, legacy from Parthenia Underwood, Fall River.		1551.46
By Susan H. Meader, Treasurer W.F.M.S.		
For thirteen girls in Training Home	$845.00	
For salary of Kate Gabriel	300.00	
For salary of two assistant Teachers	128.00	1273.00

For Support of Girls in Training Home

From Elizabeth S. Fiske	$65.00	
Emma C. Swift	65.00	
Nancy Earle Smith & sister Caroline Earle	65.00	
Lucretia G. Chase	65.00	
Mary and Helen Seabury	65.00	
Barker Newhall	65.00	
Geo. A. Crosman and wife	65.00	
Geo. L. and Mary A. Crosman	65.00	
Isadora Tresham, Nebraska	65.00	$585.00

For Support of Day Schools.

From W.F.M.S. of Purchase Quarterly Meeting for Ophrah School	$150.00	
New York and Brooklyn Christian Endeavor Societies, for Western School	150.00	
W.F.M.S. of Foxvale, Mass. Mrs. C.C. Wilbur Treasurer, for Ain Areek	150.00	
F.M. Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting including $10.00 unpaid last year, for Jiffneh	160.00	
Boston Bible School including $83.49 for last year, for Boston Day School	233.49	
W.F.M. Association of Friends of Philadelphia, for North School	150.00	
Martha C. Swan and sisters for Hope School	50.00	
Sylvester S. Aldrich, for Hope School	50.00	
Jennie Allyn, for Hope School	50.00	$1,143.49

From Christian Endeavor Societies

From Mary S. Paige Chairman of Missionary Department	$19.00	
Friends School	37.00	
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting Christian Endeavor Societies	10.00	
Genie	10.00	
Meaderboro	2.64	
Portland	50.00	
Oak Grove	15.00	
Boston	7.25	
Woonsocket Junior C.E. Society	2.00	[illegible]

From Monthly Meetings

From China	$4.30
Greenwich	14.00
Salem	34.00
Swansea	15.10
Sandwich	37.00
Westport	13.00
Boston	33.30
Yarbridge	73.00
Providence	35.00
Amesbury	10.25
Smithfield	28.76
Bolton	6.20
Winthrop	20.10
Dover	2.00
Falmouth	12.75
Weare	11.00
New Bedford	10.00
Lewiston	8.00
Dartmouth	8.00
	$378.21

From Bible Schools.

From Anthony, R. I.	$10.00
Edgebrook, N. J.	5.00
Worcester	17.32
Windham	10.00
Maple Grove	5.00
Allens Neck	7.00
Genio and others in Dover Quarterly Meeting	24.25
Woonsocket for girl in Training Home	65.00
Smiths Neck	5.00
Northbridge	17.00
Providence	5.00
Portland	20.00
Bolton	5.25
	$195.82

Expended.

Paid to Wilfrid Rowntree for Mission Expenses	$3789.59	
Amount borrowed for Mission Expenses	425.00	
Deposit in Savings Bank (legacy)	$1500.00	
Geo. C. Herbert and Co. for 250 Reports and express	10.70	
A. T. Thompson & Co. Boston, for Photographs and Slides	47.05	
Expense of Lecture at Briarcliffe, N. Y.	4.00	
Supplies for Mission sent by T. B. Hussey	37.86	
Books, (Readers and Dictionaries) sent by T. B. Hussey	22.48	
Postage	4.20	
		$3,915.88

Receipts

Total amount received from collections	$4,606.37	
Amount borrowed	425.00	
Legacy from P. Underwood	1,551.46	
Brought forward from last year	487.29	
		$7,070.12

Expended.

Deposited in National Bank	$1,000.00	
Total amount expended	3,915.88	
Paid amount borrowed	425.00	
Deposited in Savings Banks	1500.00	
Balance on hand	129.24	
		$7,070.12

Total Amount in Permanent Fund.

In New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank	$2,000.00	
In Worcester County Institution for Savings	1,000.00	
In Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank	1,000.00	
In Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	1,000.00	
		$5,000.00

Building Fund.

In Mechanics Savings Bank Worcester	$600.6[illegible]

26. The report of the Committee on Western Indians has been read, in addition to which an appeal has been made by the Chairman of Friends Associated Executive Committee on Indian

difficulties. The great mass of the thirty thousand Indians at present in this country have been brought very closely home to us. Friends are second to no other religious organization in their adaptability to this secular class of mission work. Let us be true to our history and our traditions, in our relations to the red men of our own country.

Report of Committee on Western Indians.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The reports from our Indian mission stations give evidence that the great Head of the Church is blessing the work of our missionary friends, upon whose activity, in the line of rightly directed service, so much depends. There are now ten mission stations under the care of Friends, five of which are in Indian Territory, namely the Modoc, Seneca, Ottawa, Wyandotte & Shiatook or Hillside; and five in Oklahoma Territory, as follows: Shawnee, Kickapoo, Iowa, Otoe, and Big Jim's Band or the Marion State Mission. At two of these places there are Government Schools, where regular mission work is nobly carried on, with seventy-five or one hundred children in each school. These mission stations comprise six Monthly, twelve Preparative and twenty three particular meetings.

The Indians under our care range from blanket Indians to those who have for several years received Christian instruction as well as industrial training, and compare well with the white farmers living near them.

Those living in Indian Territory are the most advanced and suffer most from contact with the lawless whites who come in upon them from Kansas and Missouri, seeking to debauch the Indians with their whiskey and vices. Some of the evening meetings have been changed to the daytime to avoid disturbance.

The prevalence of small pox in the immediate vicinity of some of our stations, and the consequent necessity for strict quarantine regulations has somewhat interfered with our work in those localities, but our Friends have remained at their several stations, ready to improve such opportunities as were open for service.

The Modoc Indians have manifested considerable interest in repairing their meeting house. They raised by

subscriptions among themselves thirty five dollars for this object. One Indian gave the paint sufficient for the inside of the house and the benches, and another member put the paint on and reshingled the roof in places. Our superintendent writes "The substantial way the Indians take hold is encouraging. This remnant of a tribe is much reduced in number partly on account of so many visiting their old home in Oregon. William Faithful has returned from Oregon where he has been nine years. His testimony to his people on returning was that he had been serving the Lord for fifteen years and was not tired of serving Him yet. Several very prominent ones have died. George Denny an elder died last Seventh Month. He was one of the Modoc prisoners banished to an island in the Pacific Ocean, after the lava bed war with that tribe. When released he joined his people at Modoc station, and soon after accepted Christ as his Saviour, and ever after manifested the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

William and Abigail Haworth have been in charge of the Ottawa Mission since the fall of 1895, but resigned their position last Tenth Month to enter upon other services. William L. George and wife are now located there. We have good reports of their work. At Hillside the regular lines of work have been pursued this year, as last.

The Iowa Indians have the help of Lewis and Pearl McFarland (two quite young missionaries). They have secured the confidence of these Indians. A day school has been sustained for several months at the Mission and the Indians are desirous that it may be continued in the autumn. The Bible School average attendance has been thirty two. Collections for Christmas $2.32, for hymn books, $3.00; interest good.

George and Ella Hartley reside at Tecumseh, near the Government School, where our Shawnee Mission is located. The Teachers and children attend Friends Meeting and Bible School. Last Third Month, while the school and missionaries were guarantined on account of small pox, a letter was received from three Cuban children (Friends) asking for aid to build a meeting-house in Havana. The letter was read in the Bible School and three of these Indian children were chosen to take up a collection, which was $3.00, for the house, and

to reply to the letter. The following are a few extracts from the letter, written by a little girl:

"We are happy Indian children from Oklahoma Territory. We have heard your cry for help to build a meeting house. We hope you will be the first to build such a house in Cuba. We go to school in clean house and to Friends Meeting and Bible School, but lately we have been quarantined on account of the small pox, which we are told, was brought from Cuba by the soldiers. We will be glad to have a photograph of the meeting house when it is done. Your friends, Bettie Coker, Peerepont Alford, Flora Bowman."

Tracts and papers distributed among the Indians have their effect. One man informed one of the missionaries that the reading of one caused him and his wife to consider how they were living, and they were determined to live better lives. After kneeling and praying with the missionary, they showed tangible evidence that they had been helped.

Christmas was observed by nearly all the mission stations. At Big Jim's or Maine State Mission, about fifty Indians assembled and listened to a talk by Geo. N. Hartley for half an hour through an interpreter the Indians giving good attention. Afterward a good substantial dinner was given them. The superintendent writes, "A fine deer enlivened the occasion by running by, not more than sixty yards away, in full view for over a quarter of a mile. Not a little excitement for a few moments, while the fifty wild persons viewed the deer so soon out of sight when all was quiet again." Robert Sloat the converted Indian was present and well dressed. He has been helpful to John Mardoc in his work. The Indians call Robert the preacher man. On First-day he came to the Mission with his daughter and another girl. He asked the missionaries to let them live there and learn Jesus' way. They would have done so, but for their small support they could not grant his request.

Appeals like this stir our hearts, especially when we remember the keen interest attached to a scientific study of barbarism and the opposition of some to the work of civilizing and christianizing, that the Indians may be kept as they are for the sake of studying their superstitions. We recognize the interest felt in these researches, but we remember that these Indians

are human men and women who should be lifted up towards God [illegible] Too many experiments have been requested; too many prentice hands have practised upon Indians. The times we live in demand that their christianization should go forward by means and measures which have lifted other races. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only one who can give life, strength and the uplift without which we cannot make good homes or develop good citizens.

In conclusion we would say, the cry comes loud and strong for help that our native Americans may not lack the opportunity for Gospel teaching. Who will listen to the cry and help save the red man from his heathen superstitions?

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings for the use of the Associated Executive Committee is $4000. We recommend that $525 be appropriated as our quota of that sum.

On behalf of the Committee.

Myra E. Frye.

Treasurer's Report for Committee on Western Indians

Balance from last year				$8.73
Received from Amesbury	Monthly	Meeting	Treasurer	7.25
"	Boston	"	"	13.32
"	China	"	"	2.00
"	Dartmouth	"	"	10.00
"	Falmouth	"	"	18.40
"	Greenwich	"	"	2.00
"	New Bedford	"	"	5.00
"	Providence	"	"	29.50
"	Sandwich	"	"	12.00
"	Salem	"	"	13.75
"	Smithfield	"	"	15.10
"	Swansea	"	"	6.00
"	Uxbridge	"	"	60.56
"	Vassalboro	"	"	2.00
"	Weare	"	"	3.00
	Westport	"	"	18.00
"	Winthrop	"	"	15.00

$2[illegible]

$241.61

Received from Amesbury Bible School	$3.47	
" Gonic	8.00	
" Portland	10.00	
" Worcester	10.00	
" Yearly Meeting C. E. Union	5.00	
" Childrens Missionary Meeting, Fall River	1.10	
" Junior Endeavor Society, Woonsocket	2.00	
		39.57
		$281.18

Paid salary of William L. George, Missionary in Indian Territory, to Sixth Month 1st 1900 — 210.00

Balance — $71.18

Samuel Buffum Treasurer.

North Berwick, Me., Sixth Month 6th, 1900.

27. The subject of work in Africa by the African Industrial Mission has been brought before us by Willis R. Hotchkiss, a missionary from Africa. It is the conclusion of this meeting that a committee of two be appointed to act with the "Advisory Council," through whom contributions to the work may be made. The Nominating Committee is directed to bring forward names of such a committee.

28. A proposition having been made that we appoint to Friends to serve on the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions, the matter is laid upon the table, to be taken up immediately after the consideration of the Uniform Discipline.

29. Adjourned to meet on Second-day the 11th at 10 A. M.

30. Met at the time appointed.

31. A proposition having been made that a general epistle addressed to meetings of Friends speaking a foreign language be issued, the matter is referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

32. The following response to a greeting from this meeting has been received, viz.:

To my dear Friends of New England Yearly Meeting:

It is with feelings of great unworthiness that I accept of the loving greeting from you on this my 97th anniversary, and in that love which "never faileth" I commend you to God and the word of His grace.

which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified."

Sincerely

Phebe L. Gifford

Providence, Sixth Month, 10th 1900.

33. The report of the Bible School Committee, through its Superintendent, as complete as it could be made from data furnished by the local schools, has been read and is satisfactory. We are especially gratified with the increase in Home Department work. It is concluded that the Bible School Committee consist of the Superintendent, Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendents of Quarterly Meetings.

Report of Bible School Superintendent.

Reports from Quarterly Meeting Superintendents:

Salem - Number of Schools visited, nine. Conferences held, two.

Sandwich - While the Superintendent has not been able to visit the outlying schools, she has been in correspondence with them and reports a good degree of interest. Two conferences have been held.

Smithfield - Number of schools visited, one. Conferences held, four.

Vassalboro - Number of schools visited, five. Number of schools established, one (at East Canton). The Bible School at [illegible] averaged forty for the nine months. Books or helps have been added in all the schools.

Fairfield - The Superintendent has been in communication with all the schools, and reports a flourishing condition in most of them.

No report from Rhode Island, Falmouth or Dover.

Each school has been corresponded with in reference to its condition and needs. Literature especially of [illegible] has been sent to all the schools. Some schools have reported the need of supplies for carrying on their work, and they have been helped so far as able.

Blackboards were sent to Freetown, Meaderboro and Center Sidney.

Wall maps to South China, Anthony, East Canton, East Meaderboro, Freetown and West Gardiner.

Bibles sent to South China.

Bible Lesson Picture Roll for nine months to West Gar[illegible]

dines.

Jennie W. Crosman, Superintendent.

Newport, Sixth Month 11th, 1900.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Bible School for year ending Sixth Month 6th, 1900.

Receipts.

From Linwood W. Jones		$86.02
Yearly Meeting Superintendent		5.00
Salem Monthly Meeting		10.85
Swansea	"	3.15
Amesbury	"	3.25
Westport	"	5.00
Uxbridge	"	4.00
Bolton	"	.50
Winthrop	"	2.00
Dartmouth	"	5.25
New Bedford	"	1.50
Boston	"	3.33
Smithfield	"	1.75
Weare	"	1.00
Falmouth	"	3.17
Providence	"	3.00
		$138.77

Expenditures

123 Bible School Record Books	$49.20
Postage on 56 Record Books	3.92
Blackboard & Map for Bible School at Freetown	8.60
Lesson Picture Roll and Map, Bible School at Manchester	3.80
Maps for Bible Schools at Anthony & East Vassalboro	4.50
Map and Bibles for Bible School at South China	4.20
Cloth Blackboards, Bible Schools at Meaderboro and West Sidney	3.20
Literature for Schools	.75
Yearly Meeting Superintendent, Stationery & Postage	6.20
Bible School Secretary, Postage & Expressing	1.55
Balance on hand	52.80
	$138.77

Eliza A. [illegible], Treasurer.

Bible School Statistical Report.

Key to Lesson Helps – A. Friends Publications B. W. A. Wilde Co. C. Sunday School Journal (Eaton & Mains) D. Tolmbots E. Mrs. Kennedy's F. Berean G. David Cook. H. Pilgrim.

Quarterly Meeting	Location of School	Name of Superintendent & Address	Monthly Meeting	Months of School	Membership of School	Average Attendance	No. of Officers	No. of Friends	Are Teachers' Meetings Held?	Volumes in Library	Regular Attendance Teachers	Lesson Helps Used	Kind of Papers Used	Conference Lessons	Place Lessons	Is Children's Day Observed?	Amount received from Collections	Amount received from Missionary Society
Rhode Island	Anthony	Joseph H. Atwater, Anthony, R. I.	Greenwich	12	47	34	5	18		112		A	1			No	*36.30	*13.21
	Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner, 481 Durfee St., Fall River	Swansea	12	91	48½	10	37	yes	310		B. G.	3	14		yes	112.71	36.00
	So. Somerset	Ralph Earle, Dighton, Mass.	Swansea	12	124	67	9		yes	334	44			2		yes	88.[illegible]	15.77
	Freetown	Nancie Chase, Assonet, Mass. Box 112	Swansea	12	15	11	3	15		150		B	1			no	7.42	1.85
Salem	Lawrence	Stephen Swett, Ayers Village, Mass.	Lawrence	12	101	41	8	67	yes	350		A	1	2	2		*[illegible]	*10.00
	Hennniker	Dana E. Huntington, Hennniker, N. H.	Weare	12	31	15	3	12		150		G. H.	2	14	7	No	13.39	2.00
	Lynn	Arnold Armstrong, 10 Central Square, Lynn.	Salem	12	114	70	12	44		824	32	B.	2			yes	17.10	24.60
	Amesbury	Daniel C. Marfield, Amesbury, Mass.	Amesbury	12	48		4	34	No	170		A. E.	3	11		yes	49.78	16.84
	Boston		Boston	10	64	45	6	29	yes		11	B. D. E.	2			No	196.42	129.58
	So. Pittsfield	Albert N. Parker, So. Pittsfield, N. H.	Amesbury	12	65	27	6	18		178	50	A.	2				81.17	4.00
	East Lynn	Elmer E. Nordyke, Franklin St., Lynn, Mass.	Salem	12	182	109	16	46	yes	400	37					yes	88.07	12.71
	Salem	W. Carleton Jones, Salem, Mass.	Salem	12	30	19	3	18	No	108		A.	1				18.78	[illegible]
	North Weare	Alfred Osborne, North Weare, N. H.	Weare	12	29	15	3	25	No	627		A. D.	2	11		No	14.30	4.34
Sandwich	Allen Neck	L. Lillian Akin, South Westport, Mass.	Dartmouth	12	86	41½	9	25	yearly				2	11	--	No	*42.88	7.24
	Central Village	Edward L. Macomber, Central Village, Mass.	Westport	12	54	27	5	33	No.			B. G.	1	1		No	59.96	41.36
	Hoopiole Mission	Mary E. Gifford, Central Village, Mass.	Westport	8¾	26	8¾	3	3	No	100	---	D.	1	-	--	No	7.64	---
	Mattapoisett	Lyman L. Macomber, East Mattapoisett	New Bedford	12	26	15	2	8	yes	460	---	A	2	12	12	No		
	New Bedford	Frederic Faber, New Bedford, Mass.	New Bedford	11	90	57	7	-		566	20	B.	1	-	---	No	70.70	17.00
	Smiths Neck	Elbridge L. Faunce, So. Dartmouth, Mass.	Dartmouth	12	48	26¾	6	12				G.	11	4			22.45	6.27
	Long Plain	Richard Davis, Long Plain, Mass.	New Bedford	12	24	16	3	16		430	2	A	1	--	--	No	[illegible]	[illegible]

Bible School Statistical Report Continued.

Quarterly Mtg.	Location of School	Local Superintendents Name and Address	Monthly Meeting	Months of School	Membership of School	Average Attendance	No. of Classes	No. of Friends	Are Teachers' Meetings Held?	Volumes in Library	Books Added during the year	Lesson Helps used	Kinds of Papers used	Temperance Lessons	Peace Lessons	Is Children's Day observed?	Amount of Collection	Amount given for Missionary Purposes
Falmouth	Portland	Lewis M. Douglas, Portland, Me.	Falmouth	12	137	88	9			393	28	A	2				225.57	95.00
	East Durham	Mahlon D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.	Durham	12	44	22	3	9	No	178		D	1			No	11.43	2.50
	South Durham	George H. Cox, South Durham, Me.	Durham	12	66	36	7	35	Yes	218		A. B. G.	1	4	1	Yes	36.38	8.12
	Windham	Miriam Cartland, Windham Ctr, Me.	Windham	12	41	17	5	24	-	337			2	-			16.29	5.00
	Deering	Arthur H. Jones, Deering Center, Me.	Falmouth	12	32	13	3	15	No	211	2	D.	-	-	-	No	-	
Uxbridge	Worcester	Geo. W. Phillips, 31 Lancaster St. Worcester	Uxbridge	12	62	34	4	49		393	12	A.	3			Yes	55.73	32.51
	Bolton	Alfred Dow, Bolton, Mass	Bolton	12	55	36	7	41		334	4	A				Yes	22.33	4.92
	Northbridge	D. P. Atherton, Uxbridge, Mass.	Uxbridge	12	19	19	3	4		265	15	A	4			No	18.18	26.95
Vassalboro	E. Vassalboro	Annie M. Priest E. Vassalboro, Me.	Vassalboro	12	50	30½	5	39	- -	- -	10	B	1	4		Yes	17.76	5.90
Dover	Dover	Emma F. Jenness, Box 365, Dover, N.H.	Dover	12	23	9	2	16	No	251	-	A	-			No	15.50	8.00
	Gonic	Annie E. Moulton, Gonic, N.H.	Dover	12	40	21	4	26	No.	284	52	A	2	4	-	No	54.78	13.17
	Meaderboro	Owen Varney, Merrill, N.H.	Dover	12	58	24	4	16	- -	400		G.		2	-	No	21.64	-
Fairfield	Center Sidney	Mary A. Hoxie West Sidney, Me.	Sidney	12	33	12¼	3	12	- - - -	343	-	- -		- -	- -	-	4.16	1.00
	No. Fairfield	Edwin Bates, Oakland, Maine	Sidney	12	42	15½	4	20	- - - -	150	-	B.		- -	- -	-	6.64	-
	W. Gardiner	Martha B. Osborne, Manchester, Me.	Winthrop	12	43	17½	3	14	- - - -	- -	-	G.		-	-	No	8.86	
	Manchester	Alfred W. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.	Winthrop	12	59	34	4	29	- -	127	-	- -	-	-		No	22.72	13.19
	Winthrop Ctr.	Elwood A. Bailey, Winthrop, Me.	Winthrop	12	120	93	11	76	Not. reg.	450		A. G.		4	0	Yes	105.63	42.83
Paremsfield	E. Paremsfield	Silas H. Cartland E. Paremsfield Me.	Paremsfield	12	40	25	3	26	-	285	3	A.	5	-	-	No	14.50	2.50
	No. Sandwich	Ira B. Tilton, Wonalancet, N.H.	Sandwich	12	39	21	4	35	No	50	-	A.		-	-	No.	8.45	

34. The Clerk is directed to include in the blanks issued for statistical returns, a column showing the number and names of all the meetings in each Quarterly Meeting.

35. Under a deep sense of the importance of the engagement, the meeting entered upon the consideration of the proposed uniform discipline, the subject being introduced by reading the following minute signed by the chairman of the Committee appointed by the Quinquennial Conference held in 1897

To New England Yearly Meeting:

At the Quinquennial Conference of Yearly Meetings, held at Indianapolis, Indiana in 1897, a Committee, consisting of two members from each Yearly Meeting represented in the Conference, was appointed to prepare a uniform discipline for the American Yearly Meetings. The Committee now offers a draft of such a document to the Yearly Meetings, to be adopted by them if it is approved.

James Wood, Chairman.

Having proceeded with the reading and consideration of the text of the document to chapter 10, the meeting adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.

36. Afternoon, met at the hour of adjournment.

37. The entire session of the meeting has been devoted to the reading and consideration of the Uniform Discipline, the further consideration of which is to be resumed in our morning session at 9 o'clock, to which time we now adjourn

38. Third day morning the 12th, met according to adjournment.

39. The subject of adopting the proposed Uniform Discipline having been again carefully considered, we do now conclude to adopt the draft as presented, to become operative after our Next Yearly Meeting, with the understanding and provision that we may amend and supplement. We also reserve the right to withdraw from the federation of Yearly Meetings at the end of five years from this date, if the experience of that time should in our judgment warrant us in doing so.

40. The subject of appointing two Friends to serve on the American Board of Foreign Missions being considered, it is decided to make such appointments and the Nominating Committee is instructed to present nominations.

41. The report of the Committee on Finance has been read. We urge upon our members to contribute liberally and loyally towards the sums adopted by the Yearly Meeting.

Report of the Finance Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

This year, contrary to our hopes, shows a decrease of over $200 from last years contributions, only two committees having received large collections. The Monthly Meetings of Boston, Westport and Uxbridge have again exceeded the amount called for, while no contributions are reported from Rhode Island, Durham, Windham, Unity, Maple Grove, Berwick, Sidney, St. Albans, Parsonsfield and Sandwich, N.H. This table is a true representation only a portion of the contributions to the work of the Yearly Meeting, but as this is the especially recommended and authorized channel for raising these excellent objects, it seems as if a greater effort should be made on the part of the Monthly Meetings to come up to what is asked of them.

If the Finance Committee of each Monthly Meeting would estimate the amount desired according to the rate by which their quota of Yearly Meeting stock is reckoned, and then ask the meetings to do their part towards raising this money, each individual giving a certain amount every month, the sums asked for might easily be raised.

Faithfulness to their official duties on the part of the officers and to their individual duties on the part of the members would give great results, and the various committees would be able, with their increased means, to do work in which the Yearly Meeting would have good cause to rejoice.

In accordance with Minute 52 of 1897, we recommend the same apportionment of Yearly Meeting expense among our Quarterly Meetings as last year, which is as follows:

Rhode Island	22¼%	Salem	18½%	Sandwich	20¼%
Falmouth	8¾%	Smithfield	6¼%	Vassalboro	5½%
Dover	4%	Fairfield	12½%	Parsonsfield	2%

Contributions from the several Monthly Meetings toward the benevolent work carried on by the Yearly Meeting.

Monthly Meetings	Gospel Work	Foreign Missions	Western Indians	Freedmen	Bible School Work	Suppression of Liquor Traffic	Education	Peace	Totals	Amount called for.
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting.										
Rhode Island										$358.22
Greenwich	$2.00	$14.00	$2.00	$1.00			$1.50	$2.00	$22.50	92.12
Swansea	38.13	15.13	6.00	7.75	1.75	3.63	2.33	3.17	81.95	286.58
Providence	20.00	33.00	29.30	35.30		5.00	8.00	10.00	145.00	286.58
Salem Quarterly Meeting.										
Salem	34.00	34.00	13.75	11.75	10.85	10.85	9.13	10.93	135.26	457.03
Amesbury	10.00	10.25	7.25	1.50	3.25	3.00		3.00	38.25	170.20
Weare	6.00	11.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	2.00		2.00	27.00	85.10
Boston	32.00	33.30	13.32	6.66	3.33	4.44			93.05	85.10
Lawrence										59.57
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting										
Sandwich Mon	13.50	37.00	12.00	17.50		3.00		2.00	85.00	139.75
Dartmouth	15.00	8.00	10.00	3.00	5.25	2.85			42.60	93.15
Westport	30.00	15.00	18.00		5.00	10.00		5.00	83.00	55.89
New Bedford	10.70	10.00	5.00	5.00	1.50	2.20	1.00	1.00	36.40	642.73
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting										
Falmouth	11.00	12.75	15.40	3.35	3.17		1.40	1.20	57.27	177.10
Durham										100.63
Windham										84.52
Lewiston		8.50							8.50	40.25
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting.										
Smithfield	8.32	28.76	15.10	3.75	1.75	8.16		1.50	67.34	126.50
Uxbridge	58.05	73.00	60.36	20.85	11.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	232.16	129.38
Bolton	1.15	6.20		1.00	.50		.50		9.35	31.62

Monthly Meeting	Home Work	Foreign Missions	Western Indians	Freedmen	Bible Schools Work	Suffering Liquor Traffic	Education	Peace	Totals	Amount called for
Lexington Quarterly Meeting										
Lexington	3.00		2.00			3.00			8.00	126.50
China	11.00	4.50	2.00			1.00			18.50	88.55
Unity										37.95
Maple Grove										
Dover Quarterly Meeting										
Dover		2.00							2.00	110.40
Berwick										73.60
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting										
Sidney										116.00
Winthrop	3.30	20.10	15.00	6.00	2.00	10.00	4.00	15.00	77.40	431.25
St. Albans										28.75
Farmington Quarterly Meeting										
Farmington										61.33
Lindrick N.H.										30.67
Totals	$307.67	378.51	232.88	126.31	43.35	76.13	33.88	63.80	$1261.53	
Last year									1474.18	

For the Finance Committee

D. P. Atherton, Secretary.

Newport, Sixth Month 11th, 1900.

42. The report of the Freedmen's Committee has been read. The opportunities and the crying need of this work have been brought [illegible] and we trust that Friends will remember this Committee in their contributions. The Committee is instructed to send a Friend to visit the school at Maryville and advise in its management, and to draw on the Treasurer of this meeting for the expense.

Report of the Committee on Freedmen.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

When John Woolman laid aside his pen under [illegible] of God's call for the abolition of slavery, the Society of Friends

began a work of relief to the negro race which the world reads to day as one of the strongest evidences of vital Christianity. Next to the bondage of physical servitude to cruel masters comes the captivity which attends the unhappy conditions of ignorance. Shall a single effort be withheld, or the Divine purpose to [illegible] human brotherhood be set aside, as relates to the elevation and progress of those who are the successors of the Freedmen in our own land?

Your Committee feel an unusual solicitude that this work, committed to the care of our Yearly Meeting may continue to claim prayerful attention. We have cause for gratitude to our Heavenly Father that our dear Friends, Lettie H. Garner and her family are spared to continue their life work of sacrifice to the religious and moral welfare of our institute at Maryville.

We recommend the usual appropriation of five hundred dollars and the liberal offerings of those who are in sympathy with this work.

On behalf of the Committee,

Robert P. Gifford, Secretary.

Annual Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute, Maryville, Tennessee.

Number of days taught	178.
Number enrolled	216
Percent of attendance	78.6
Number of boarders in buildings	55
Number of teachers in Training Class	78
Number graduating in Teachers Advanced Course	4
Number graduating in Teachers Elementary Course	5

In reporting the work among the Freedmen in this place, we acknowledge the unfailing helpfulness and care of Him who makes no proportion in the work. He assigns His children to their unaided strength and who always leads us forth to triumph with the Annointed One.

Throughout the year the Lord has manifested His presence with us and His power to save by turning many of our number from the darkness of sin into the blessed light of the knowledge of Christ. The time set apart for Bible Study [illegible] especial interest and blessing

to the students in bringing them into a clearer knowledge of God's word and of its power, as applied to our special needs.

The Christian Endeavor Society workers have evinced an unusual interest, and many who joined at first as associate members have come to realize the necessity of being active workers for the Lord if they would grow spiritually.

Since our last annual report we have introduced into the school an Industrial Home and established a Co-operative Boarding Club. Although both are on a small scale on account of lack of funds, yet we are satisfied with the effort made, and are confident that it is a movement in the right direction, and has been a blessing to the school and to its members.

Respectfully submitted
L. H. Garner Principal

Sixth Month 4th, 1900.

Financial Statement of Freedmen's Committee.

Receipts.

Yearly Meeting Appropriation	$500.00	
Offerings from Monthly Meetings	126.31	
Henry Camp Fund Income	60.00	
Yearly Meetings Christian Endeavor Union	4.50	
Portland Bible School	10.00	
Other Donations	52.50	
From George Sturge Fund	$1200.00	
		$1953.31

Expenditures.

Paid to aid of students from George Sturge Fund	$1200.00	
Paid to L. H. Garner, Principal on services account	753.31	
		$1,953.31

43. The report of the George Sturge, B. F. Knowles and Henry Camp Funds, as follows, is satisfactory:

Report of Trustees of the George Sturge, Benjamin F. Knowles and Henry Camp Funds.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England;

Financial Statement of George Sturge Trust.

Balance from last year	$30.64	
Coupons paid Seventh Month 1st 1899	727.50	
Coupons paid First Month 1st, 1900	727.50	
Interest on Deposit to Fifth Month 1st 1900	14.69	$1,500.33

Expenditures.

Assisting student at Maryville, Tenn. during the school year	$1200.00	
Expense of Safe Deposit, Second Month 6th	10.00	
Balance to new account Sixth Month 5th, 1900	290.33	
		$1500.33

Benjamin F. Knowles Fund.

Reported last year	$502.08	
Accrued Interest to Fifth Month 1st 1900	9.45	
		$511.53
Fifth Month 10th 1900 income from the North American Land & Timber Co.		359.26
Total present deposit, R. I. Hospital Trust Co.		$870.79

Henry Camp Fund.

Receipts

Interest on mortgage for $1,000. for one year		$60.00

Expenditures

Paid to Committee on Freedmen, Ninth Month 14th, 1899	$30.00	
Paid to Committee on Freedmen, Fifth Month 18th 1900	30.00	
		$60.00

On behalf of the Trustees
Augustine Jones.
J. H. Chace
Sixth Month 5th, 1900.

44. A kind and courteous greeting from London Yearly Meeting to the Christian Endeavor Societies in America has been read, and is referred to the Executive Board of that organization in this Yearly Meeting. Also received from London Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight for 1899 a pamphlet on the subject of Ministry and Worship, which has been read. The wise counsel and instruction contained in this document has been recognized, and feeling that it should be brought to the attention of our membership, the meeting directs the Clerk to procure a reprint of our Chris-

and copies to be sent down to our meetings, and it is recommended that it be read in all our meetings on Ministry and Oversight.

46. Adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

46. Afternoon, met at the hour of adjournment.

47. The answers to the queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a minute of that meeting, have been read, viz.

Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
Summary of Answers.

I With little exception we are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, and careful to promote the attendance of our families

II. We are generally in unity one with another and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together though we feel the need of greater earnestness and zeal in striving to gather to Christ.

III. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents under the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit, and are careful not to misquote or misapply them.

Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

The usefulness of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight will be in proportion to the individual faithfulness of its members, not only in the exercise of their own particular gifts, but in the development and encouragement of the gifts of others. The young people especially need the hands of those who are older in years and experience to be laid in loving benediction upon their heads, or to grasp their own in warm cordiality, accompanied with the word of commendation, encouragement or counsel as the Holy Spirit should direct. But whatever the message, it should be permeated with the love born of God.

It is always safe to trust the Lord to bring about His own purposes. He sees the end from the beginning, and our responsibility ceases when we have simply obeyed him.

Sometimes we sitting by can see where another's service might be more effective, were it changed somewhat in manner of presentation. It is not an act of Christian im-

is refrain from suggesting the change for fear of wounding the other; but as both workers are in the love of Christ, both will be benefited, the one by obediently giving the advice, the other by receiving and endeavoring to profit thereby.

The reading of suitable literature may be very helpful to all workers in the Lord's vineyard, in suggesting fresh lines of thought and enlarging our spiritual horizon.

The ministry of woman has been a prominent factor in making both the written and unwritten history of our Society through the years of its existence. It still bears the seal of Divine appointment and approval, and requires no apology for its existence and exercise. Rather should we continue to accord to it a large place in the church, and seek by all proper means its development and encouragement.

We desire that Friends should ever keep in mind the blessed truth that upon each of His dear children our Heavenly Father has bestowed some gift or gifts, upon the exercise of which depends the spiritual life of His church. Where the new birth, entire consecration to God, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, are insisted upon [illegible] to proper activity in Christian work, "forward spirits that run into work without life and power" will find little place, because of the uncongenial atmosphere which will be about them. At the same time, those who are being led of the Lord will find assistance and encouragement along the way, and their gifts will become fruitful to the glory of the Giver and to the edification of the Church.

It means much for ministers, Elders, or any of God's children to be in the line of apostolic succession; that is, to be in the line of unflinching, uncompromising obedience to the will of God, even though it lead through the fire of persecution, into the dungeon, upon the scaffold, or upon the cross. And yet such obedience is as necessary to the prosperity and life and power of the church in the evening of the nineteenth century as in any previous age of the world. Such obedience and such loyalty are in no wise incompatible with an active successful business life. "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." We make a serious mistake when we draw a sharp distinction

between secular and religious work. When the Lord's children are in the place of His appointment, all their work becomes religious because of its being done with reference to His will and with an eye single to His glory. Active business life with all its cares and perplexities and trials, frequently qualifies one to be a helper to his fellow, as he could not be, had he not passed through similar experiences.

Above all else we should strive to be continually so filled with the love and consequent tenderness of Jesus Christ, as never carelessly to set our foot upon the tender plants in the garden of the Lord. These should be most carefully watched and tended, and every proper means employed to assist their growth and fruitfulness.

Being workers together with God, the most perfect obedience to Him is essential to success in His service. Finite plans and arrangements must ever work disaster and failure.

While we gladly acknowledge the gift of pastors to the Church, we feel the necessity of the greatest care and watchfulness, lest a misapprehension of the place and duties of a pastor defeat the very purpose for which a pastoral gift was bestowed. No meeting can be held to the glory and in the power of God where His message, even through one of the weakest and most unattractive of His instruments, is suppressed. An ideal Friends meeting is where ministers, Elders, and congregation at large, are all together waiting upon the Lord; each one without regard to official station in that living relationship to the Living Head, as to be able instantly to respond to the Divine call to any manner of service.

No feeling of distrust or suspicion should be allowed to exist between ministers and Elders, but rather that of mutual helpfulness. Under the leading of the Lord, elders may often find the vocal service of the meeting largely devolving upon them. Especially in the absence of the minister or ministers should this be naturally expected of them both by themselves and by the meeting.

There is always great danger in an effort to bring people to our standard. In the very nature of things there must be an endless variety of thought, manner and

expression. These differences exist doubtless for a wise purpose, and we should endeavor so to adapt ourselves by the grace of God to His will in these matters, that they may be to us a source of pleasure and blessing, instead of producing discomfort and uneasiness.

48. The records of the Executive Meeting have been read and its doings are approved by this meeting.

49. The following copy of a section of the will of Martha H. Hoxie, late of Sandwich, Mass., has been received, viz.

Section of Will of Martha H. Hoxie, Sandwich, Mass.
Probated at Barnstable, Eleventh Month, 1899. Fletcher Clark, Sandwich, Mass., Executor.

Fourteenth: I give and bequeath to the Yearly Meeting of Friends in New England the sum of One Thousand Dollars, but in trust, nevertheless, for the benefit of the Mission at Brumanna, near Mount Lebanon, spoken of in the 12th chapter of a book entitled, Eli and Sibyl Jones, Their Life and Work," by Rufus M. Jones.

We appoint John Ellwood Paige, Daniel C. Maxfield and Augustine Jones, Trustees, to receive the legacy on our behalf, and said Trustees are desired to confer with the Judge of Probate for Barnstable County, and arrange if possible that the income of said fund shall go to the Mission at Ramallah, which in our judgement was the evident intent of the donor.

50 The Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic have presented their report, which is satisfactory to the meeting. They have also presented a draft of a minute, which is revised and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In making up our annual report, we are glad to note a gain in some ways over last year. More than twenty lectures and addresses have been given on the subject of temperance; in connection with these, much work has been done with the children in our Bible Schools and Endeavor Societies

One hundred and fifty seven thousand pages of literature have been distributed, very much more than was reported last year. Five thousand pages have been sent to the Indians; temperance papers have been sent to reform schools and homes for female children.

In some places strong protests have been made against open saloons on the Sabbath, with good results, and also against Sabbath desecration, when so much evil is indulged in that we could hardly recognize the day set apart by our Heavenly Father for us to hallow and keep in His dear name.

We recommend the adoption of the accompanying minute.

On behalf of the Committee

Adeline T. Chace, Secretary.

Newport, R. I. Sixth Month 11th, 1900

Minute prepared by the Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

In considering the report of our Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, we are again reminded of the demoralizing effects of this degrading business upon everything with which it comes in contact, and we realize that thus far the efforts of the Christian Church have proved woefully inadequate to cope with this great iniquity.

We have watched with intense interest, during the past year the attitude of the Administration toward the army canteen and the extension of the liquor traffic in our new possessions, and we are pained to observe its apparent indifference to the prayers of thousands of Christian citizens that its prerogative be exercised as head of the army in abolishing the evil where it is in its power to do so.

We consider the time to be ripe in this closing year of the nineteenth century, for the followers of Jesus Christ to make a question a dominant one in the exercise of the elective franchise, that the dawn of the new century may see the reins of government in hands that shall represent the best element of our citizenship on all moral questions

Report of Treasurer of Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

Receipts

Balance from last year	$44.25	
Received from 15 Monthly Meetings	76.13	
		$120.38

Expenditures

Paid Hannah J. Bailey, Superintendent of Lecture	$81.50	
Paid Mary A. Chase, Superintendent of Literature	19.50	
Balance on hand	19.58	
		$120.38

Respectfully submitted

Elisha T. Read, Treasurer.

Woonsocket, R.I. Sixth Month 7th, 1900.

51. A report of the Committee on the Revision of the Discipline is as follows. The Committee is released.

Report of Committee on Revision of the Discipline

To the Yearly Meeting:

The proposed Uniform Discipline has been received and examined by the members of the Committee, but it has not been acted on by the Committee as a body, as it was believed by the Committee that its authority was only to revise the existing Discipline, not to recommend the adoption or rejection of one that must be disposed of as a whole. Under these circumstances the Committee have found nothing to do officially and await further instructions from the Yearly Meeting.

For the Committee,

Charles H. Jones, Chairman

Deborah P. Atherton, Secretary

52. The Executive Meeting is authorized to suggest such amendments and additions to the Uniform Discipline, in the event of its adoption by seven Yearly Meetings, as may seem necessary, and submit them to our next Yearly Meeting.

53. The report of the Committee on Peace was read, together with the annual report of the Peace Association

of Friends in America. The request for an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee. We conclude to appoint two Friends to serve for five years on the Advisory Board of the Peace Association of Friends in America; names to be presented by the Nominating Committee.

Report of Committee on Peace.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The work of the Committee on Peace has been confined to the giving of several lectures in our meetinghouses and to aiding in the circulation of the Advocate of Peace. One lecture was given at East Paremsfield, one at Lewiston, one at New Bedford and one at Lawrence, Mass. Benjamin F. Trueblood who is chairman of your committee gave many lectures during an extended trip through the Southern States in the Second Month. He was everywhere well received and listened to with marked attention. As Secretary of the American Peace Society he has devoted his time, as heretofore, to the cause.

At a favorable opportunity, the Committee addressed a petition to President McKinley, asking him to use the influence of our country for the restoration of peace in South Africa. The response gave the Committee assurance that our petition, with others, was duly considered. Our Government seems to have done nearly all that was possible under the existing circumstances.

A year ago the Peace Conference at the Hague was engaged in its labors. The spirit in which that noble body of statesmen conducted its proceedings, the wisdom of its discussions and conclusions, are all very gratifying to the friends of peace. We have every reason to believe that very great good will result.

The establishment of a high court of arbitration among nations, which will command the respect of all, seems now assured. That a design so fully in accord with the teaching of Christ may be fully accomplished, should be the prayer of His church.

The devastating wars which have darkened the year will when rightly viewed, serve as sad illustrations of the dire consequences of allowing passion and prejudice and distrust to usurp the place of reason and a true sense of the brotherhood and interdependence of all. Preparations

for war invite strife. A great army and navy are not the truest means for promoting the safety and happiness of a nation. We believe that real patriotism will discourage the fostering of a military spirit among our youth. Along with loyalty to our country, let us try to encourage loyalty to the Prince of Peace.

The Committee recommend that the Yearly Meeting appropriate one hundred dollars to the work of the Peace Association of Friends in America.

For the Committee,

Samuel Buffum, Secretary.

Newport, R. I., Sixth Month 11th, 1900.

Report of the Treasurer of the Committee on Peace.

Balance from last year		$54.14
Received from	Salem Monthly Meeting	10.93
	Sandwich Monthly Meeting	2.00
	Uxbridge Monthly Meeting	5.00
	Amesbury Monthly Meeting	2.50
	Providence Monthly Meeting	10.00
	Swansea Monthly Meeting	5.17
	Winthrop Preparative Meeting	15.00
	Smithfield Monthly Meeting	1.50
	New Bedford Monthly Meeting	1.00
	Weare Monthly Meeting	2.00
	Greenwich Monthly Meeting	2.00
	Westport Monthly Meeting	5.00
	Falmouth Monthly Meeting	1.40
		$117.64

Paid American Peace Society, for distribution of the Advocate of Peace	$54.28	
Paid Hannah J. Bailey for expense of Lectures	63.36	
		$117.64

Thomas Wood, Treasurer.

Sixth Month 12th, 1900.

54. The Queries have been read together with answers [illegible] [illegible] by the Quarterly Meetings.

These ten queries have become familiar to us from their frequent repetition through many years. A familiarity, however

without monotony, when measured by the standard of that great query, thrice repeated, of our Lord to his disciple, "Lovest thou me?"

By implication at least, a continual progress, a steady growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ, is contemplated in the queries. Growing up into Him thus in all things, our Scripture reading, our family devotions with the children about us, will be invested with a depth and reality that will be a power in bringing them into close relations with the Saviour.

Our great object in life is to bring souls to a knowledge of and an acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ. No diversity of operation in the church need be feared, provided all are baptized into the real love of Christ. The differences which distract church organizations come from an insistence upon personal opinion, without reference very much to the object to be attained.

Filled with the love and power of Christ baptized into sympathy with such as are far away from Him honestly and earnestly endeavoring to bring them to the Saviours feet, methods will take care of themselves. The power of the Gospel as manifested in the life and work of the early members of our own people, consisted in their closeness to the Lord and their utter abandon of themselves to Him and His service. We are not to be mere imitators of other generations. We are not to insist upon making methods of one age fit the necessities of another, but we are to serve the present day, we are to meet the present need with the same faith, the same simplicity and the same holy courage that characterized the worthies who have gone before. The little irritating circumstances of life will be sweetly adjusted if we abide in that spirit which is gentle, lovely and of good report.

Let us put to ourselves the pointed query, "Lovest thou me?" and is the outworking of that love manifested in our relations with our fellows?

Summary of Answers to the Queries.

I Our meetings for worship and discipline have been regularly held except fifty [illegible] missed mostly on account of inclement weather. One meeting omitted altogether during the winter months and one mid week meeting throughout the year. Most Friends

attend the First day meetings and at the hour appointed, and mid week meetings seem to be much neglected.

II. Love and unity are maintained with some exceptions. Detraction not sufficiently guarded against. Due care has been taken in said differences.

III. Friends are mostly careful to maintain a religious life and conversation, and to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

IV. The Holy Scriptures appear to be frequently read in most of our families, and children and others are encouraged in the daily practice thereof. A few exceptions are reported in regard to individual reading. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is generally maintained.

V. Twelve instances of the use of intoxicating liquors are reported. Some other delinquencies are not reported in numbers. Two Quarterly Meetings report clear. A few exceptions in regard to amusements. Moderation reported as generally observed.

VI. With one exception, Friends are careful to observe the several parts of this query.

VII. Not quite clear in military matters and oaths. Clear with regard to the public revenue.

VIII. With a few exceptions we believe due care in all business transactions is observed as queried after, and that Friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

IX. Clear as to records, not wholly clear as to certificates and removals.

X. The Discipline is administered in Christian tenderness and impartially, but not always as timely as would be best.

55. Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

56. Fourth-day morning the 13th, met at the hour of adjournment.

57. The report of the Womens Foreign Missionary Society has been presented and read. The detailed report of earnest systematic work is warmly appreciated.

Report of Women's Foreign Missionary Society

	Auxiliaries	Members	Women over 18 in y. m.	Honorary Members	Public Meetings	
Rhode Island	6	122	512	27	22	
Salem	7	138	302	34	19	
Sandwich	4	45	251	0	0	
Falmouth	4	65	193	7	2	
Smithfield	3	61	142	11	1	
Vassalboro	2	47	163	10	5	
Dover	1	8	25	0	0	
Fairfax	2	39	285	11	3	
Farmington	2	24	55	0	6	
Totals	31	549	1,728	100	54	

We are able to report this year a slight increase in membership and a new auxiliary formed at Worcester, where they have also a new Children's Band. Two auxiliaries, weak last year, have this year sent no report, but we still have thirty-one in a more or less interested condition. That the average interest is greater is also evidenced by more money in the treasury and a larger number of public meetings. But as long as two thirds of our women are not members of this society, we feel that there is much need of more organizing work through the Yearly Meeting. At the beginning of the year our Vice President started out with excellent plans, but illness prevented her execution of them. In every place where there are four women Friends there should be an auxiliary. If they can raise no money except membership fees, they can read and circulate missionary literature, write cheering letters to the missionaries in the field, and grow themselves alive to the blessedness of obeying the Master's last request to preach the Gospel. Some of the country meetings are evincing more interest and real missionary spirit than some larger societies.

There has been $285.85 used for materials and for the purchase of articles for the boxes to be sent to Ramallah and Oklahoma. The work has been almost entirely concentrated upon these two missions.

At the Indian Mission there is at present very little to report. Though there is much faithful work being done among the tribe at large. The only children at the Home now are those who

have been given to our missionaries with the expectation that they will remain with them till they are of age. They do not go back at vacation or any other time, except in company with one of the workers and so the improvement made in months is not undone in a few hours. Both Elizabeth Test and Lena D. Lunt are untiring in their efforts for this people, and their faith is strong for great results in God's good time.

At Ramallah, as last year, we pay the salaries of the Principal of the school and her two assistants, and $65 apiece for thirteen girls in the Training Home. Ten of these are supported by auxiliaries as follows, viz: Newport, Adele Barakat; South China, Nabeha Barakat; Winthrop Center, Gabbie Audi; Winthrop Center (Kings Children), Emily Karam; Westport Mission Band, Helanie Dahdal; Portland, Mary Malouf; Durham, Amelia Abdoo; Vassalboro, Azeezie Rafeedie; Lynn, Hannie Rafeedie; Boston, Victoria Bekmesian.

The Superintendent of the Mission has kindly sent circular letters of great interest to our auxiliaries, which have done much to arouse and keep alive missionary spirit. We hope that at least three more auxiliaries will decide to support girls this year.

Several Quarterly Meetings report the Thank Offering Boxes a great help to the treasury and to the uplifting of those who use them.

At least one auxiliary and many individuals have been taking the missionary course of study with pleasure and profit.

One auxiliary has interested Friends generally, so that on the first Sabbath in the month a mission contribution is regularly taken.

Alice W. Maxfield, Corresponding Secretary.

Report of the Superintendent of Literature.

From Fourth Month 1st, 1899 to Fourth Month 1st 1900

To the W. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting:-

From the accounts received from the thirty-one auxiliaries of our Yearly Meeting, we gather the following:

Number of members in auxiliaries	549
Number who subscribe to Missionary Advocate	169
Number of Missionary Libraries	11

Number of Books in Missionary Libraries 150

In addition to the above, our auxiliary report nine volumes in paper form and fifteen volumes of the Missionary Advocate kept on file, which have been helpful in preparing the [illegible]. Missionary books are reported in several Bible School libraries, also in our Public Library. Pamphlets, periodicals, and tracts on missionary work have been circulated among the members of some auxiliaries, and read in the meetings of others. Three auxiliaries report no Missionary Advocate taken this year, although the claims of this most excellent paper have been urged upon them all.

$4.50 worth of leaflets and tracts have been sent out by the Superintendent of Literature. Nine auxiliaries have reported (in dollars and cents) the amount distributed the sum of which is $7.1[illegible] Three report the number of leaflets or pages given out while nine of the auxiliaries report no work in this department.

With the unusual increase, since our last report, of missionary libraries and volumes, may we not take courage and reasonably expect increase of knowledge and interest in this branch of our work? For the faithful perusal of such literature cannot fail to be inspiring and helpful.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth A. Gifford,
Genl Supt. of Literature

Adamsville, R. I., Sixth Month 4th, 1900.

Report of Superintendent of Proportionate and Systematic Giving.

To the W. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting:

The statistics of this department, as reported by the auxiliaries are as follows:

Number of tracts distributed	642
Number of thank-offering boxes given out	440
Number of addresses delivered	19
Number who practice proportionate giving	128
Amount of thank-offering box collection	$397.93

One auxiliary also reports 1800 pages distributed, and another Eighty-five cents worth.

The reports generally come to hand promptly, and only two auxiliaries, those at Berwick and East Kennebunk failed to report at all. As these two have never carried on the department it

would seem that we have nearly a full and complete record of the year's work though a few of the reports are not as definite as they should be, one saying that a "goodly number" practice Proportionate Giving. Will not every superintendent begin this fall to make her inquiries on this point, and when the time comes for making out the report, she will not only know the exact number but will have had the opportunity to present the subject personally to those who do not yet practice this way of giving. Much can be effected by continued and persistent effort, and thus a real advance can be secured both in the matter and manner of future reports.

In accordance with the directions of the Marion Conference, a number of E. T. Pritchard's letter to ministers, and also a couple of tracts on the Tenth Legion, have been distributed; but this is a work of which we can see but little direct fruit.

The thank-offering boxes seem to be doing a good work this year, as will be seen by the amount reported above, and the expenses have been very trifling, as last year's boxes were used again by those who had them.

Respectfully submitted

Deborah P. Atherton, Superintendent.

Report of Junior and Juvenile Work.

To the W. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting:

There has been an increase in the number of home missionaries among the children during the past year. An earnest Christian mother of Hallowell, Maine, conceived the idea of starting a Junior Mission Band in her city, in order that her own children might be taught to work for others. One bright day in Seventh Month we met at her home nineteen bright happy children, ready and eager to be organized into a society. Since that time they have been doing admirable work under the name of the Anna M. Hussey Mission Band. Besides holding helpful, interesting meetings, adding several to their number and doing considerable home mission work, they have sent ten dollars to Ramallah.

The society of sixteen at Anthony, R. I. which was organized last year has been busy with willing feet and hands at home and for Ramallah.

Helanie Dahdal continues to be supported in our Training Home through the efforts of the Westport, Mass. Band, which was

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The Kings Children of Winthrop Center Maine, meet there as usual during their summer vacation. It is pleasant to watch their happy, contented faces during the long vacation, as they go about their business for the "King".

At our dear Ramallah also - that loved Training Home across the seas - we have some little missionaries who, while being helped themselves, are all the time helping others. Katie often writes of their self sacrifices, and their joy in being used of God in helping their neighbors and friends. They sew garments for poor people of their village and give them to the Bible women to distribute. They plant seeds and raise flowers for them to take to the sick and aged, with Arabic scripture texts attached. These children sing hymns and read the Bible to their own people during vacations, also exhorting them often to live Christ-like lives. "More good is wrought by a guileless, artless Christian child than this world dreams of."

Respectfully submitted

Etta H. Johnston, Superintendent

Report of Box Committee.

To the W. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting:-

Four barrels of new and old clothing and Christmas gifts were sent to Elizabeth Test on Eleventh Month 25th. Contributions for these barrels were sent, either in money or goods from twenty auxiliaries;

Providence	$25.00	Bolton	$1.00
Salem		Sandwich	
Portsmouth		South China	1.00
Newport		Hallowell	1.00
Fall River	8.15	Woonsocket	3.00
Swansea	5.00	Lynn	7.35
South Durham	1.00	East Lynn	8.00
Winthrop Center	12.00	Anthony	3.00
Amesbury	1.50	Smiths Neck	2.00
Boston	10.00	Westport	

Total —— $89.40

Elizabeth Test has written of the safe arrival of the barrels and the great pleasure the gifts gave to the recipients, who were

very grateful for them.

On the first of Second Month six trunks of goods were sent out to Ramallah, under the care of Timothy Hussey, and under the advice of Anna M. Hussey ten dollars in money was sent to Katie Gabriel, to purchase necessary articles for the girls, which she could more easily procure as needed in Jerusalem. The following auxiliaries contributed for this purpose:

Swansea	$5.65	Winthrop Center	$8.00
Portsmouth	2.00	Lynn	25.00
Amesbury	1.50	Anthony	5.25
Unity	1.50	Uxbridge	
Lawrence	5.45	Providence	
Westport	4.00	Worcester	14.25
Allen's Neck	5.00	Boston	10.00
South Durham	1.00	Fall River	8.15
Portland	5.00	P. S. A.	.25
Woonsocket		Hallowell	1.00

Total —— $103.00

In addition there were many personal gifts whose value was not estimated.

A letter received from Wilfrid & Della Rowntree says "The trunks arrived in splendid condition, just as they were packed, not having been touched on the way. It was a great pleasure to unpack all the nice things, and you may be sure we found all the love that was packed in with them. We cannot begin to express our thanks and gratitude to the loving Friends who have done so much to give happiness and comfort to us, to the teachers and to the girls. Our hearts are deeply touched and we feel encouraged and strengthened by this fresh evidence of the love of New England Friends. The cotton cloth, flannel, calico, crash, gingham, flannel skirts, and other things too numerous to mention were most welcome, for our "larder" was empty. They will be carefully used, greatly treasured and will do much good. Friends in Lawrence gave us hymn books. We do indeed appreciate this very useful gift, and they are already being made good use of. May a blessing rest upon the users as well as the givers."

In both the contribution for Ramallah and that for the Kickapoo Mission auxiliaries sent valuable packages whose

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Respectfully submitted

For the Committee

Gulielma C. Wood, Chairman.

Report of the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, From F[illegible] 1st 1899 to Fourth Month 1st, 1900

Receipts.

Balance from last year		$91.19
Collection at public meeting at Portland	$56.64	
Life Membership for Hattie B. Metcalfe by John Metcalfe	20.00	
Etta S. Cates, for one day scholar at Ramallah	5.00	
From bath clothes knit & contributed by E. T. L.	4.00	
Rebate on barrels sent Elizabeth Test	4.34	
Donation, D. P. A.	5.00	
From the W. F. M. S. of Indiana Yearly Meeting, for medical work at Ramallah Mission	60.00	
From Trustee of Permanent Fund	57.68	
From Estate of the late Parthenia Underwood, of Fall River, Mass., by Charles L. Baker, one of the Executors, a legacy	1034.31	
		$1237.42

Amounts received from Auxiliaries

Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting		
Swansea Auxiliary	$263.02	
Fall River Auxiliary	73.93	
Newport Auxiliary	69.00	
Providence Auxiliary	110.25	
Portsmouth Auxiliary	24.67	
Anthony Auxiliary	18.00	
		549.37
Salem Quarterly Meeting		
Salem Auxiliary	$23.44	
Lynn Auxiliary	97.00	
East Lynn Chapel Auxiliary	10.00	
Amesbury Auxiliary	58.89	
Boston Auxiliary	227.53	
Lawrence Auxiliary	42.73	
North Weare Auxiliary	14.50	
		474.59

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting		
Westport Auxiliary	67.00	
Allen's Neck Auxiliary	50.00	
Smith's Neck Auxiliary	25.58	
Long Plain Auxiliary	22.32	
		$164.90
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting		
Winthrop Center Auxiliary	72.50	
Hallowell Auxiliary	[illegible]	
West Gardiner Meeting	4.00	
		97.45
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting		
Portland Auxiliary	$127.53	
South Durham Auxiliary	59.50	
East Durham Auxiliary	32.50	
Windham Center Auxiliary	15.00	
Friends in Casco Meeting	3.56	
		238.09
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting		
Woonsocket Auxiliary	$121.50	
Bolton Auxiliary	83.00	
Worcester Auxiliary	53.13	
		257.65
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting		
East Vassalboro Auxiliary	90.00	
China Auxiliary	70.00	
Unity Meeting	6.00	
		166.00
Dover Quarterly Meeting		
North Berwick Auxiliary	10.00	10.00
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting		
East Parsonsfield Auxiliary	14.50	
North Sandwich	25.00	
		39.50

Note - Total receipts from Auxiliaries $1,997.55

Contributions from Bible Schools

Central Village	$7.79
New Bedford	2.00
South Pittsfield	3.00

Manchester, Maine	$5.00	
St. Albans	3.10	
North Fairfield	1.00	
Fall River	23.64	
Salem	1.00	
North Weare	6.50	
Providence	9.00	
[illegible]	6.19	
Lynn	14.12	
East Lynn Chapel	1.39	
Genoa	10.00	
Portsmouth	4.00	
Amesbury	3.48	
Assonet	1.00	
Newport	1.09	
Lawrence	3.83	
West Sidney	.50	
Total from Bible Schools		$107.68

Receipts from Junior Missionary Bands

Kings Children of Winthrop Centre	$65.00	
Westport Childrens Missionary Band	30.00	
Newport " " "	.89	
Anthony " " "	2.00	
Worcester " " "	10.00	
The Anna M. Hussey Missionary Band, Hallowell	10.17	
Portsmouth Busy Bees	4.50	
		122.56

Receipts from Christian Endeavor Societies

The Christian Endeavor Union, by Mary S. Paige for Kickapoo Mission	$25.00	
Smiths Neck Y.P.S.C.E. for same	8.00	
Lynn " " "	10.00	
South Durham " " "	2.00	
Boston Y.P.S.C.E. towards support of a girl	24.00	
Boston for Ramallah	7.25	
		76.75
Total receipts		$3,633.10

Paid Sarah J. Swift, Treasurer Foreign Missionary Soc'y,

Salary of Katie Gabriel, Head Teacher in Training Home.	$300.00
Salary of two assistants	128.00
For support of 18 girls in Training Home	845.00
For one Day-scholar, by Etta S. Cates	3.00
For one Day scholar, by Providence Bible School	5.00
From Boston Y.P.S.C.E	7.25
From the W.F.M.S. of Indiana Yearly Meeting, for the medical work at Ramallah, by Anna M. Roberts, Treasurer	50.00
	$1340.25

Paid for Indian Work.

Salaries of Elizabeth Test and Lina B. Lunt	$600.00
Elizabeth Test, from Y.P.S.C.E. Union by Mary S. Paige	25.00
Elizabeth Test from Y.P.S.C.E Union, of Smiths Neck	8.00
Elizabeth Test, from Y.P.S.C.E. Union of South Durham	2.50
Elizabeth Test, from Y.P.S.C.E. Union of Lynn	10.00
Elizabeth Test from Y.P.S.C.E. Union of Boston, toward support of a girl	24.00
Elizabeth Test from Lawrence Auxiliary	5.00
Lina B. Lunt, travelling expenses	25.00
Lina B. Lunt from Ancestry Auxiliary, for Dida	6.75
	706.25

Expenses of Public Meeting at Portland	$15.00
Alice W. Maxfield for Mimeograph	15.00
Anna M. Gove, Trustee, bequest from the late Parthenia Underwood of Fall River	1034.31
Anna M. Gove for Life Memberships	80.00
Esther H. Thomas, Treasurer of Missionary Union, for Membership dues	15.66
Esther H. Thomas, Thank-offerings	22.41
Elizabeth A. Gifford, Superintendent of Literature	6.25
D. P. Atherton, Supt of Proportionate and Systematic Giving	3.27

A. M. C. Breed, Rec. Sec. Postage	2.00	
Alice W. Maxfield Cor. Sec. Postage	2.75	
Susan H. Meader, Treasurer, Postage	3.00	
Phebe S. Aydelott, Postage	1.10	
		$1201.25
Total Expenditures		$3247.75
Balance in Treasury, Fourth Month 1st, 1900		385.35
		$3,633.10

Life Members.

Elizabeth T. Larkin	Elizabeth A. Gifford
Hannah J. Bailey	Tacie P. Hawkes
Caroline Alice Jones	Lina B. Lunt
Mary R. Osborne	Hannah B. Sherman
Hannah B. Farr	Lucy R. Goddard
Huldah H. Leighton	Myra E. Frye
Etta H. Johnston	Adeline F. Chace
Anna G. Ward	M. Augusta Battey
Ruth S. Murray	Lettie M. Bailey
Emeline H. Tuttle	Lucretia G. Chace
Ellen K. Buffum	Hattie B. Metcalfe
Mary H. Robinson	Rachel P. Chace
Phebe S. Aydelott	Sarah H. Trueblood
Mary E. Gifford	Esther Chace
Sarah J. Swift	Sophia D. Bailey
Mary S. Macomber	

Honorary Life Member, Charles M. Bailey

Susan H. Meader, Treasurer.

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the W. F. M. S. and find them correct with vouchers for money expended.

E. W. Swan, Auditor.

Boston, Sixth Month 4th, 1900

Trustees of the Permanent Fund in Account with W. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting, for the year ending Third month 31st, 1900

Receipts

Interest on Bonds	$6.00
Interest on Savings Bank deposits	15.63
Interest on funds in hands of H. J. Bailey	36.00

Four life membership fees	$80.00	
From estate of Parthenia Underwood	1034.31	
		$[illegible]

Expenditures

Paid Susan H. Meader, interest on Bond	$[illegible]	
Paid Susan H. Meader, interest on deposits	15.63	
Paid Susan H. Meader by H. J. Bailey	36.00	
		54.63

Funds on Hand.

In Augusta Savings Bank	$330.00	
In Salisbury and Amesbury Savings Bank	200.00	
In hands of H. J. Bailey	1234.31	
		$1764.31

For the Trustees, Anna M. Gove, [illegible]

I have examined this account, with vouchers for the same, and find it correct.

Elizabeth W. Swan, Auditor.

The following named Friends have been appointed officers of the Society for the ensuing year

President - Phebe S. Aydelott, 344 Rock Street Fall River, Mass.

Vice Presidents - Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Maine

- Ruth S. Murray, Grove St, New Bedford, Mass.

Corresponding Secretary - Alice W. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.

Recording Secretary and Corporation Clerk - Abby M. C. Breed, 14 Beach Avenue, Swampscott, Mass.

Treasurer - Susan H. Meader, 634 Warren Street Roxbury, Mass.

Quarterly Meeting Vice Presidents.

Rhode Island - Mary E. Kimber, Newport, R.I.

Salem - Eliza A. Jones, 329 Boston Street, Lynn, Mass.

Sandwich - Harriet S. Davis, Long Plain, Mass.

Falmouth - Miriam C. Webber, Lisbon Falls, Maine.

Smithfield - Sarah J. Swift, 22 Oake Ave, Worcester, Mass.

Vassalboro - Eliza P. Pierce, East Vassalboro, Maine.

Dover. - Almira B. Buffum, North Berwick, Maine.

Fairfield - Elizabeth M. Hawkes, Manchester, [illegible]

Parsonsfield - Elizabeth S. Hoag, Whiteface N.H.

Trustees of the Permanent Fund.

For one year - Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N.H.

For two years - Mary C. Winslow, Winthrop Center, Maine

For three years - Hannah J. Bailey, [illegible]

Superintendents of Departments

Proportionate & Systematic Giving - Deborah P. Atherton
Uxbridge, Mass.

Literature Elizabeth A. Gifford, Adamsville, R. I.

Junior and Juvenile Work Henrietta H. Johnston Wentworth Center, Me.

Auditors

Mary S. Paige - 50 Chatham Street, Lynn, Mass.

Elizabeth W. Swan - 2 Derne Street, Boston, Mass.

Box Committee

Gulielma G. Ward, 4 Gleason Street, Dorchester, Mass.

Jennie W. Crosman, Mountain Avenue, Swampscott, Mass.

58. The Committee on the Disbursement of the H. H. Mosher Fund, together with the Trustees, have reported as follows. Their doings were approved.

Report of the Committee on the Disbursement of the H. H. Mosher Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting;

Your Committee have subscribed this year for 348 copies of the "American Friend" and also for 75 copies of the "Missionary Advocate". One hundred copies of "The Lamb of God" by W. P. Pinkham, have been distributed, and three hundred of "Practical Christianity," by Rufus M. Jones, have been sent to the committee for distribution.

It has been thought well this year to distribute a number of copies of two tracts "A Brief View of the Doctrines of Christianity as set forth in the Holy Scriptures and held by the Society of Friends," and "What the Society of Friends Believes." These have been sent to the members of the committee as they were called for, and not according to a fixed percentage, which is our regular mode of distribution. It was thought that these tracts would be very useful when there were inquirers who were looking towards joining the Society, and the Committee will be glad to furnish them for use among such persons.

The Committee also sent to nearly all the ministers in the Yearly Meeting the Pocket Almanac published by the New York Book and Tract Committee and so far as known, it was much appreciated.

For the Committee, D. P. Atherton, Secretary

H. H. Meeker Fund Treasurer's Report.

Receipts

Balance from former account	$47.52	
Received from Trustees	800.00	
		$847.52

Payments.

9 copies "Penelope" (for examination)	$11.00	
12 " "Society of Friends"	.29	
6 " "River Veil"	5.10	
392 " "Brief View Society of Friends"	10.84	
18 " "What the Society of Friends Believe"	.54	
100 " Pocket Almanac	4.22	
109 " "Lamb of God"	60.00	
309 " "Practical Christianity"	186.78	
348 " American Friend for 1900	470.13	
75 " Missionary Advocate	37.50	
Express, etc.	1.51	
Balance to new account	59.61	
		847.52

John Ellwood Paige, Treasurer.

Newport, Sixth Month 13th, 1900.

Report of Trustees of the H. H. Meeker Fund.

Dr.

Balance reported last year		$13739.52
Interest on City of Boston Bond	$500.00	
Interest New Bedford Inst. for Savings	53.10	
Interest Lynn Institution for Savings	97.94	
		651.04
		$14390.56

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1899 10th Mo. 17th Treasurer Book Committee	$250.00	
1900 11th Mo. 23rd Treasurer Book Committee	250.00	
Treasurer Book Committee	300.00	800.00
		$13590.56

Funds Invested as follows.

City of Boston Water Loan Bonds	$10000.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	1367.83
Lynn Institution for Savings	2222.73
	$13590.56

Olney T. Meader } Trustees.
Joseph D. Wood }

Sixth Month 1st, 1900.

54. The two reports of the Men's and Women's Committees on Purity respectively have been read and are satisfactory.

Report of Men's Committee on Purity.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

A profitable meeting for men was held on First-day afternoon of Yearly Meeting addressed by Dr. Richard Henry Thomas of Baltimore and Sylvester Aldrich.

It is gratifying to us to know that these meetings, with what little service the Committee have been able to perform during the year, have been helpful to several of our members, according to their own testimony.

For the Committee,

Alvano C. Goddard.

Report of Women's Committee on Purity.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

The work of your Committee for the past year has consisted mostly of the distribution of tracts and the loaning of books.

A few addresses have been given and some personal work has been done.

A purity club formed two years ago in Manchester, N. H. is still doing good work. It has been the means of developing a number of young people, and in some cases has wrought great changes.

Literature has been supplied in response to calls from Nashville, Tenn. and from a colored college in Alabama.

For the Committee,

H. Elizabeth Jones, Secretary

60. The report of the Christian Endeavor Union has been read and its active and efficient work gives us great courage and hope for the future of our Society.

Report of the Christian Endeavor Union.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

Dear Friends:

We are glad to report that during the past year there has been no abatement of the interest of the young people in their work for "Christ and the Church." We have received reports from all but three of our societies, from which we gather that the active members in the Yearly Meeting number about eight hundred. Two societies have discontinued for various reasons, but several have been formed.

Our Missionary Superintendent, Mary S. Briggs, visited many of the societies during the year, and an increased interest in foreign missions has been manifested. Several societies have missionary libraries and our contributions for this department have more than doubled, amounting to more than $400, and contributions to home missions have increased.

Reports show seventeen accessions to the Church from the societies.

The prospect was never more hopeful for Christian Endeavor in this Yearly Meeting, and we feel confident that it may be said of this organization, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be."

Respectfully submitted

Mary M. Kelsey, Secretary.

61. The report of the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer, together with the Auditor's report, have been read and are approved, confirming the nominations for Treasurers.

Report of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

for year ending Sixth Month, 1900.

Receipts.

Samuel P. Buffington, former Treasurer	$3 186.21
Iowa Quarterly Meeting for its quota of expense apportioned Sixth Month, 1899	80.00
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	200.00

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting	$175.00
Greenfield " "	40.00
Rhode Island " "	445.00
Salem " "	370.00
Sandwich " "	405.00
Smithfield " "	125.00
Vassalboro " "	110.00
National Eagle Bank, Providence, dividend	20.00
Sale of Disciplines	.60
Borrowed	700.00
Interest on deposits	1.60
	$5908.41

Expenditures.

Expenses of holding Yearly Meeting, 1899	$275.54
Foreign Missions Committee (bequest of Parthenia Underwood)	1551.46
Committee on Freedmen	500.00
Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs	525.00
Balance of Yearly Meeting's note of Eighth Month 14th, 1895	1000.00
Yearly Meeting's note of Second Month 14th, 1900	700.00
Interest on borrowings	72.80
Printing and copying	453.71
Repairs on Meeting house at Newport	257.50
Finance Committee expenses	2.24
Treasurer's expenses	4.09
Balance on hand	566.07
	$5908.41

Joseph D. Wood, Treasurer.

Boston, Sixth Month 5th, 1900.

Examined and found correct.

Daniel C. Maxfield

Susan H. Meader

For the Auditors.

Newport Sixth Month 8th, 1900.

Proposed by the Auditors.

For Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting — Joseph D. Wood.

215 State St., Boston, Mass.

For Treasurer of Providence School Funds:-
James H. Chace, Providence, R. I.
For Treasurer of Oak Grove School Funds-
Joseph E. Briggs, Winthrop Center, Maine

62. The recommendations of the finance committee are approved and adopted. Our Quarterly Meetings are hereby directed to pay their respective quotas of the amount proposed to be raised in semi-annual payments as heretofore.

Recommendations of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee recommend that $2200 be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting the ensuing year. They also recommend the following appropriations from the treasury of the Yearly Meeting:

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$525.00
For Freedmen (Maryville Institute)	500.00
For Peace Association of Friends in America	100.00
For Expenses of Finance Committee	30.00
	$1,155.00

Your Committee recommend that each Quarterly Meeting send forward one half of its quota by the first of Eleventh Month, and the remainder by the first of Fifth Month of each year, and that the Plan of Giving be reprinted in this year's Minutes. (See last year's minutes)

Deborah P. Atherton, Financial Secretary.

63. It is decided to amend Minute No. 37 of 1899 and No. 18 of 1895 so as to read as follows; That the present Real Estate Committee be discontinued, and that a Real Estate Committee consisting of three members of the School Committee having charge of the School at Providence, R. I., two of whom shall form a quorum, be annually appointed by the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England at the time of the appointment of said School Committee, and in the same manner as other standing committees except that for the current year one shall be appointed for one year and one for two years, and one for three years, whose duty shall be to care for and

[illegible] the land and real estate of the said Yearly Meeting in said Providence, not included between Lloyd Street, Whitte Avenue, Clemens Avenue, and Pennington Avenue, so called. And said Real Estate Committee is authorized and empowered to make sale of all or any part of said land or real estate (always, of course, excluding said reserved square or block of land) from time to time, in such parcels, at such prices, and upon such terms and conditions as in their judgment will best promote the interests of said School. And the Treasurer of the Providence School Funds for the time being, and his successors in office are hereby authorized and directed to make and execute good and sufficient deeds of conveyance of the same, and with or without warranty of said Real Estate Committee shall determine, and for and on behalf of said Yearly Meeting sign, affix the corporate seal to, acknowledge and deliver said deeds whenever the said Real Estate Committee shall request him to do so.

Said Real Estate Committee shall hold their places until others are appointed in their stead, and whenever a vacancy by reason of declination, resignation, death incapacity, protracted absence abroad, or other reason shall exist in said Real Estate Committee, the said School Committee shall fill such vacancy, and the members so appointed by the School Committee shall have and exercise the same power and authority as they could or would have and exercise had they been appointed by the Yearly Meeting. Said Real Estate Committee are directed, whenever any money shall come into their hands from the sale of land as above mentioned, after paying such bills as shall be necessary for surveying, platting, grading streets, and [illegible] the land under their care and management for sale, to turn over the balance to the Treasurer of the Providence School Funds. They are also to report their doings to the School [illegible] when requested, and make an annual report to the Yearly Meeting.

64. Epistles have been received from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, except Ohio, also from the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah, bringing into loving remembrance and fellowship our brethren of a common faith in the various parts of the world.

Essays of Epistles to London Yearly Meeting, the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland to the American Yearly Meetings, one to the Monthly Meeting at Ramallah, to Friends scattered in various parts of the world; a letter to the sick and afflicted, and a letter to the children of the Yearly Meeting, have been read and considered and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on our behalf.

65. The Committee for that purpose now prepared returning Minutes for all our friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings with credentials, substantially in form as follows: "Seneca E. Stevens acceptably attended this meeting with a minute of unity from your meeting."

66. Nominations for standing committees presented from session to session by the Nominating Committee have been confirmed and the appointments made.

67. The Clerks are directed to have the usual number of copies of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting and other matter for distribution printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings, and they are authorized to draw on the treasury of this meeting for the expense.

68. We appoint George C. Herbert correspondent of the Yearly Meeting, in place of Samuel Bullhem, released at his own request.

69. The Clerk is directed to convey to the railroad management our thanks for kindness in furnishing transportation at reduced rates.

70. We now bring to a close the sessions of the

Yearly Meeting for 1900, in doing which we desire to place upon record our assured sense that the abiding presence of our Lord has been with us. In the various concerns of the Church, some of which have been of unusual importance, we have been preserved in Gospel love and consecration and in Christian unity.

We purpose to meet in Portland, Maine at the established time in 1901, if so permitted.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

John Ellwood Paige } Clerks

Officers and Committees.

Clerks.

John Ellwood Paige, 50 Chatham Street, Lynn, Mass.
Deborah P. Atherton, Uxbridge, Mass.

Treasurer.

Joseph D. Ward, 215 State Street, Boston, Mass.

Correspondents.

George C. Herbert, 17 Chatham Street, Lynn, Mass
Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Center, Maine

Clerk of Executive Meeting.

Daniel C. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.

Clerk of Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Charles H. Innes, Amesbury Mass.

Committee of Arrangements.

For One Year.

Robert F. Gifford — Alice W. Maxfield
Hannah J. Bailey — Thomas Ward.

For Two Years.

John J. Frye — James M. Estes
Susan F. Hoskin — Eric Estes

For Three Years.

Lewis M. Douglas — John A. Kimber
Myra E. Frye — George C. Herbert

Members of the Executive Meeting.

For One Year.

Samuel R. Buffinton	Fall River, Mass.
Cyrus Jones	Lynn, Mass.
Anna G. Word	New Bedford, Mass.
Ezra Hawkes	Portland, Maine
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Elizabeth K. Jones	South China, Maine
Timothy B. Hussey	North Berwick, Me.
I. Warren Hawkes	Manchester, Maine
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Me.
Susan F. Hoxie	Sandwich, Mass.
Joseph E. Briggs	Winthrop Center, Me.
Lucy T. Herbert	17 Chatham St. Lynn, Mass.
Charles A. Chace	South Swansea, Mass.
Joseph D. Word	215 State St., Boston, Mass.
Alice M. Dow	Boston, Mass.
M. Augusta Hatley	Providence, R. I.

For Two Years.

Augustine Jones	Providence, R. I.
J. Ellwood Paige	Lynn, Mass.
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.
Myra E. Frye	Woodfords, Me.
Daniel Wheeler	Cubridge, Mass.
Eliza P. Pierce	East Vassalboro, Me.
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Mary W. Jones	Winthrop Center, Me.
John B. Cartland	North Sandwich, N.H.
Nathan D. Hoxie	Lewiston, Maine
William Thompson	New Bedford, Mass.
D. Wheeler Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Jesse McPherson	Winthrop Center, Me.
William D. Newhall	Lynn, Mass.
Charles H. Thorndike	Concord, N.H.
Susan F. Thompson	New Bedford, Mass.

For Three Years

Charles Sisson	Providence, R. I.
Amy T. Meader	634 Warren St., Roxbury, Mass
Elizabeth C. Ewer	Sandwich, Mass.
John J. Frye	Portland, Maine
Deborah P. Atherton	Cambridge, Mass
Willis C. Hawes	South China, Me.
Anna M. Hussey	North Berwick, Me
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.
Will S. Weeks	East Parsonsfield, Me
Daniel C. Maxfield	Amesbury, Mass.
Phebe S. Aydelott	Fall River, Mass.
A. Edward Kelsey	Winthrop Center, Me.
Joshua L. Macomber	East Mattapoisett, Mass
Emeline H. Tuttle	Woonsocket, R. I.
Lewis M. Douglas	Portland, Me.
Ellison R. Purdy	Portland, Maine

The regular meetings of the Executive Committee the ensuing year will be held as follows, viz:

At Lynn, Eighth Month 15th, 1900, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

At Portland, Sixth Month 13th, 1901, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Daniel C. Maxfield, Clerk.

Providence Boarding School Committee.

For One Year.

Edward T. Tucker	Sarah J. Swift
Joshua L. Macomber	Rufus M. Jones
John J. Frye	Chas. H. Jones
Thomas Wood	Guilielma C. Wood
Bessie T. Wing	Herbert H. Goddard
S. Caroline Tobey	Mary A. Crosman

For Two Years.

J. Wheeler Swift	Samuel R. Buffington
James H. Chace	Peter M. Neal
Samuel Buffum	Robert P. Gifford
Rachel S. Howland	Ellen K. Buffum
Hannah J. Bailey	[illegible]
Deborah W. Crosman	Deborah P. Atherton

For Three Years.

William C. Newhall — Ruth F. Murray
Daniel C. Marfield — Alice W. Marfield
Emily M. Jones — Charles H. Chace
Stephen C. Meader — Olney T. Meader
Sarah Marble — Charles Sisson
Susan Pickham — A. Chalkley Collins

Real Estate Committee

For One Year — Charles Sisson — For two years — Robert P. Gifford
For three years — James H. Chace.

Committee on Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

For One Year.

George H. Cates — Anna M. Priest
William H. Douglas — Eliza B. Douglas
Timothy B. Hussey — Clara W. Mumford
Melvin M. Bailey — Lettie M. Bailey
Adeline F. Chace — Sarah Marble
Rufus M. Jones

For two years.

Charles M. Bailey — C. Irving Bailey
Mabel G. Bailey — Joseph E. Briggs
John J. Frye — Sophia D. Bailey
Hannah J. Bailey — Ezra Hawkes
Emma S. Briggs — Myra E. Frye
George L. Crosman

For three years.

J. Warren Hawkes — Eliza P. Pierce
Mary R. Jones — Elonora S. Woodman
Ellwood A. Bailey — Edward H. Cook
Henry Winslow — J. Albert Jones
Ruthanna H. Washburn — Benjamin S. Chace
A. Edward Kelsey.

Committee on Education

Chairman — Augustine Jones

Secretary, Anna F. Hall — Treasurer — John Ellwood Paige

For One Year

Gertrude H. Cartland — Sarah Marble

Wilmot R. Jones.

For Two Years

Augustine Jones — Rufus M. Jones

Emma F. Hall

For Three Years.

J. Edward Paige — Emily M. Jones

Elizabeth T. Price

Committee on Peace

Chairman - Benjamin F. Trueblood

Secretary - Samuel Buffum — Treasurer Thomas Ward

For One Year.

Gertrude H. Cartland	Newburyport, Mass
Elizabeth H. Jones	South China, Maine
Hannah T. Ladd	Providence, R. I.
Olney C. Grant	Revere, Mass
E. Bryant Paige	Lynn, Mass
Sarah L. Brown	Amesbury, Mass

For Two Years.

Benjamin F. Trueblood	Boston, Mass
Charles Nixon	Providence, R. I.
Samuel Buffum	North Berwick, Me.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Me.
Silas H. Cartland	East Bridgefield, Me
Sarah A. Hill	Amesbury, Mass.

For Three Years.

Thomas Ward	Boston Mass.
James M. Estes	Newport, R. I.
N. Carleton Jones	Salem, Mass.
Annie R. Holmes	New Bedford, Mass

Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

President — Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Center, Me.

Secretary — Frank E. Jones, Lowell, Mass.

Superintendent of Literature, - Mary A. Lowe, Manchester, N

Superintendent of Lectures - Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop, Me

Treasurer - Elisha T. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.

For One Year.

Emeline H. Tuttle	Woonsocket, R. I.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Maine
Clara H. Emery	Winthrop Center, Maine
Leslie O. Meader	North Sandwich, N. H.
Albert N. Forster	South Richmond, N. H.
Elizabeth V. Roberts	Worcester, Mass.
Sarah W. McLellan	

For Two Years

Joseph H. Atwater	Anthony, R. I.
Louisa N. Meader	Hayesville, R. I.
William Ward.	Lawrence, Mass
Mary A. Chase	Manchester, N. H.
Richard Davis	Long Plain, Mass.
Adelina F. Chace	South Swansea, Mass
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Cedarville, R. I.

For Three Years.

Joshua L. Macomber	East Mattapoisett, Mass
Edward S. Hacker	
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.
Frank E. Jones	Swansea, Mass
Arthur H. Hussey	North Berwick, Maine
Emily O. Hicks	Vassalboro, Maine
Avard A. Gifford	Vassalboro, Maine

Committee on Foreign Missions

Chairman - Timothy B. Hussey North Berwick, Me.
Secretary - Susan F. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass.
Treasurer - Sarah J. Sinto, 22 Oak Ave. Worcester, Mass.

Executive Committee

Hannah J. Bailey	Emma M. Hussey
L. Wheeler Swift	Clara T. Meader
Nellie M. Bailey	William Thompson
Emma S. Ward	A. Edward Kelsey.

Augustine Jones

For One Year

Henry L. Swift	Mrs. Augusta Bailey
L. Wheeler Swift	Nellie M. Bailey

Charles H. Thorndike — Phebe A. Pinkham
Julielma C. Word — Mary W. Jones, Winthrop Ctr.

For Two Years.

Timothy H. Hussey — Anna M. Hussey
Anna G. Word — Augustine Jones
Hannah J. Bailey — Mary E. Kimber
Sarah J. Swift — George L. Crosman

For Three Years

William Thompson — Susan T. Thompson
Ruth S. Murray — Robert P. Gifford
Ellen M. Jones — Olney T. Meader
Elizabeth Swan — A. Edward Kelsey

Committee on Western Indians

Chairman - William O. Newhall
Secretary - Myra E. Frye
Treasurer - Samuel Buffum.

Associated Executive Committee.

William O Newhall — Emeline H. Tuttle
Myra E. Frye — John S. Kimber
A. Chalkley Collins.

First meeting of the Committee at the rise of the Executive Meeting at Lynn in Eighth Month.

For One Year.

A. Chalkley Collins — Great Barrington, Mass
Samuel Buffum — North Berwick. Me
Almira B. Buffum — North Berwick. Me.
John S. Kimber — Newport. R. I.
Elwood A. Bailey — Winthrop Center Me.
E. Anna Earle — Dighton, Mass
Susan H. Meader — 634 Warren Street, Roxbury. Mass.

For Two Years.

William O. Newhall — Lynn. Mass.
Mary E. Kimber — Newport. R. I.
John J. Frye — Portland, Maine
Emeline H. Tuttle — Woonsocket, R. I.
Hannah J. Bailey — Winthrop Center. Me.
Elizabeth A. Gifford — Adamsville R. I.
Lettie M. Bailey — Portland. Maine

For Three Years.

Edward T. Tucker	New Bedford, Mass.
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester Mass
Elizabeth M. Hawkes	Manchester, Maine
Ellen K. Buffum	Providence, R.I.
Mira E. Frye	Hardfords, Maine
Abram C. Goddard	Vassalboro, Me.
Anna M. Gove	Seabrook, N. H.

Freedmen's Committee

Secretary and Treasurer - Robert P. Gifford.

For One Year

Robert P. Gifford	Hannah J. Bailey

For Two Years

Ellison R. Purdy	Susan F. Hoxie

For Three Years

George A. Barton	John S. Kimber

Committee on Gospel Work.

Chairman and General Superintendent - Charles H. Jones, Amesbury, Mass.

Secretary - W. Carleton, Jones

Treasurer - Joseph E. Briggs

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Rhode Island	John S. Kimber
Salem	Charles H. Thorndike
Sandwich	William Thompson
Falmouth	George H. Fair
Smithfield	John Pretcalfe
Vassalboro	Linwood W. Jones
Dover	Anna M. Hussey
Fairfield	Joseph E. Briggs
Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland

For One Year

Emeline H. Tuttle	Annie Nichols
Zilla Binns	Charles H. Thorndike
Silas H. Cartland	Linwood W. Jones
John S. Kimber	Charles H. Jones

For Two Years.

William Hamilton	Susan F. Hamilton
Joseph E. Briggs	H. Emma Skinner
H. Carleton Jones	Mary Hainsworth
Geo. H. Farr	William S. Macomber

For Three Years

Evelyn J. Prescott	Martha B. Osborne
James M. Estes	John Metcalfe
Charles H. Atkins	Mary E. Gifford
Frank E. Jones	Anna M. Hussey

Church Extension Board.

Chairman - Benjamin F. Trueblood
Secretary — J. Ellwood Paige
Treasurer - Thomas Word.

For One Year

Charles A. Chace	South Swansea. Mass.
George L. Crosman	Saco, Maine
Sarah H. Nevolin	Woodfords. Me
J. Ellwood Paige	Lynn. Mass.

For Two Years.

Thomas Word	215 State St, Boston, Mass
Lewis W. Douglas	Portland. Maine
Susan F. Hopie	Sandwich, Mass.
Melvin M. Bailey	Portland. Maine

For Three Years.

Benjamin F. Trueblood	3 Somerset St, Boston
Joseph E. Briggs	Winthrop Center, Me.
Phebe S. Cydelotte	344 Rock St, Fall River
Charles Sisson	Providence, R. I.

Trustees

For one year - Olney T. Meader For two years - D. Wheeler Swift
For three years - Samuel Buffum.

Committee on Bible Schools.

Superintendent - Thomas Word, 215 State St., Boston, Mass
Secretary Mary Hainsworth, Lawrence, Mass
Treasurer - John H. Meader, 634 Warren St, Roxbury Mass

Quarterly Meeting Superintendents.

Rhode Island	G. Meahen Chace
Salem	Thomas Ward
Sandwich	Bessie T. Wing
Falmouth	Lucy S. Goddard
Smithfield	Oscar S. Morse
Vassalboro	Anna M. Priest
Dover	Clarence S. Pinkham
Fairfield	Alfred W. Hawkes
Parsonsfield	Ira B. Tilton

Committee on Finance

Rhode Island	Robert P. Gifford, Phebe S. Aydelott
Salem	Daniel C. Mansfield, Susan H. Meader
Sandwich	Joshua L. Macomber, Susan T. Hoxie
Falmouth	Ezra Hawkes, Anna F. Hall
Smithfield	L. Wheeler Swift, Deborah P. Atherton
Vassalboro	William A. Jones, Elizabeth K. Jones
Dover	Anna M. Hussey, Geo. I. Jenness
Fairfield	Henry Winslow, Hannah J. Bailey
Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland, John B. Cartland

Committee on Income of Mosher Fund.

Secretary - Deborah P. Atherton

Treasurer - John Edward Paige

For One Year

Samuel Griffin — J. Edward Paige

Susan Peckham

For Two Years

Edward L. Macomber — Alice W. Hawkes

Clara W. Mumford.

For Three Years.

Alfred H. Jones — Phebe L. Pope

Deborah P. Atherton

Trustees of Mosher Fund.

Charles M. Bailey — Albert T. Meader

Joseph D. Ward.

Committee on Purity (Men's)

Charles H. Jones — Ellison R. Purdy

Alvano C. Goddard.

Committee on Purity (Women's)

Chairman - Emeline H. Tuttle, Woonsocket, R.I.

Secretary - Alice C. Earle, Fiskeville, R.I.

Treasurer - Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N.H.

For One Year

Mary A. Chase	Manchester, N.H.
Elizabeth T. Larkin	Peabody, Mass.
Emeline H. Tuttle	Woonsocket, R.I.
Adeline F. Chace	South Swansea, Mass.

For Two Years.

Emily S. Weeks	Vassalboro, Maine
Alice C. Earle	Fiskeville, R.I.
Lucy A. Snow	Windham Center, Me.
Adeline L. F. Daniels	Millville, Mass.

For Three Years.

Almy C. Grant	Revere, Mass.
Phebe L. Pope	East Farmsfield, Me
H. Elizabeth Jones	Amesbury, Mass
Martha B. Osborne	Manchester, Maine

Members of Advisory Board of Peace Association of Friends in America.

Thomas Ward — Sarah D. Brown.

American Board of Foreign Missions

Augustine Jones — Benjamin F. Trueblood

African Board.

Jennie W. Crossman — Adeline F. Chace.

To London Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends:

As we have once more gathered at this ancient seat of Quakerism in Newport, we have been forcibly reminded of our great inheritance from the past and of our debt to those faithful men and women of a former generation, who sealed their testimony to truth with suffering, sometimes to the death. But we are also deeply sensible that we cannot live upon the past, nor are we to be imitators of other generations. Our duty is to serve the present day, and meet the present need with the same faith, the same simplicity and the same holy courage of the witnesses that have gone before.

We feel with you that an almost unlimited field of service lies at our very doors. Our great object in life should be to bring souls to a knowledge of Jesus Christ. Realizing what He will be to the soul that receives Him, manifesting in our lives His power to save to the uttermost, and with hearts filled with His love, we shall be baptized into sympathy with those who are far from Him, and seek by His power to bring them to Him.

We rejoice that our membership is becoming more conscious of the needs of the hour, and beginning to realize the mission to which we are called. There has been a freshness and power apparent as we have assembled from day to day and an earnest desire has been manifested that we may be faithful in bearing and interpreting a vital transforming message throughout our land.

We appreciate the message of love and fellowship from you to our Christian Endeavours. Our hearts rejoice in the manifestation of zeal and earnestness among them and we trust that on both sides of the ocean, the Master may tenderly guard these plants of His own right hand planting, enabling them to grow and flourish and bring forth fruit to Her glory. Our own young Endeavours have this year undertaken in cooperation with our Foreign

Mission Committee, to open and maintain a Boys' Training School at Ramallah, where the boys of Palestine shall receive a similar training as we are now giving to the girls in that country. Nothing has been more strengthening to our faith in the future of this important mission in the Holy Land than to see the readiness with which the dear young people come forward to share in the burdens of their older friends.

In review of the various branches of Christian work in which we have been engaged, we would gratefully acknowledge that the good hand of our God has been upon us, and that His blessing has been greater than our hopes.

The Uniform Discipline is, we believe a step in the direction of closer union and hence greater strength.

We have been favored at this time with the company of earnest missionaries from foreign lands, who have testified to the fulfilment of the promise of their Lord in times of danger and conflict, "Lo I am with you always."

"Finally brethren farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland,

Dear Friends:-

The words of kindly greeting and helpful counsel that have come to us this year from other Yearly Meetings have cheered and encouraged us, and we listened with especial pleasure to the message which came to us so freshly from your Yearly Meeting so recently in session.

We do not wonder that you have found need in the present circumstances to spend much time in considering the subject of Peace. The war spirit has seemed to carry all before it for a season, and those who remained faithful to the principles of Peace have had to meet much opposition and be frequently misunderstood. Nevertheless the followers of the Prince of Peace can still trust in their Leader, and when the war cloud rolls away and the din of the conflict ceases, others beside those who are faithful now will "hear once more the voice of Christ say Peace."

Many of the Lord's messengers have been sent to us at this time, some of ripe experience in His work, and many fresh in youthful, earnest love for Him, all desiring to bring to us the messages He may entrust to them. These messages we have sought to receive and profit by.

We have been exhorted to endeavor to make the most of the life entrusted to us, undiscouraged by difficulties and what seem to be hindrances, for God can make of these very hindrances opportunities for doing or suffering His will. And, after all, His will is the very best thing for us, if it is only accepted aright.

Our Christian Endeavor work has prospered during the past year, and the bright earnest faces of the young people who have met with us have been pleasant to see, while their words testify that they are good scholars in the school of Christ. But while they are thus rejoicing in their Savior, they are not selfish in enjoying His blessings. Their warm Christian love reaches across the Atlantic and, in the land ever hallowed by our Savior's bodily presence, they have determined to establish

a large Industrial School in connection with our work at Kamiah. The influence of this work will, of course be greatly increased and we trust that the blessing of the Lord, which has thus far rested upon our labors in that land, may still abide with us.

Encouraging accounts come from our Committee on the work among the Indians, convincing us that the God who hath made of one blood all the nations of the earth, is no respecter of persons but in every nation this Holy Spirit visits all alike, and those who fear God and work righteousness are accepted of Him.

The importance of Bible Schools as auxiliary to the Church, as well as in their primary purpose of instruction in the Scriptures, has engaged our special attention. These schools are largely constituted of children and young people not in membership with us, yet from them we look for a large accession to our numbers. A large opportunity is thus given for the exercise of the gifts for teaching of our young people.

The Uniform Discipline is we believe a step in the direction of closer union, and hence greater strength.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

To the Meeting of Friends at Ramallah.

Greeting:—

The thought expressed in your much appreciated message, that the blessing of the Lord might be upon us in our annual gathering, and that we might "be strengthened to more earnest work for the Master" has been most truly realized. For certainly the beauty of the Lord our God has been upon us. And we have been encouraged to dwell in the secret place where we may learn the deep lessons our Father alone can teach.

The increased interest in all our work has been most gratifying, and as the great need of carrying the message of Gospel love to all parts of this great world has been brought before us, our hearts have been greatly stirred and it is our prayer that this may be no passing fervor just which we have been wrought by the enthusiasm of a convention, to be forgotten as we have up again the round of social and business duties, but may become a settled purpose, woven into the texture of our every day being.

The assurance of our Lord is very precious, "Lo I am with you alway - even unto the end of the world;" but let us remember it follows closely and is conditioned upon the charge, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

The recent and safe return of our Father Timothy to Jersey, bringing us he has such assurance of the good work that is through the help of the Lord, being wrought in your midst, has been a cause of much rejoicing, and as we have winged our thought across the way to the natal land of our Christ, and stood beside you and the work so dear to us at Ramallah, we have felt to exclaim, "Great and marvellous are thy works O God."

Our Christian Endeavor Societies have been aroused to a great enthusiasm of [illegible] of the kingdom of our Lord and have pledged a liberal sum of [illegible] the [illegible] expenses of the Eng[illegible] at Ramallah.

Trusting that the guiding hand of our Father, the [illegible] presence of the Holy Shekinah may continually be yours, with a salutation of love, we are your friends.

To the Friends scattered abroad:

Dear Friends—

From our Yearly Meeting where many earnest labours have been permitted to meet, our hearts have turned to those of like faith with us, who may feel as if they have an isolated position. To you, dear Friends, comes the encouraging promise that even the "handful of corn on the top of the mountains" is under the care of the great Head of the Church and its fruits shall (one day) "shake like Lebanon."

In the depths of the forest and in hidden pathways beautiful flowers and forms are often found that show forth the glory of their Creator, even though hidden from mortal eye. So it may be some of the Lord's choicest plants may spend their lives in some obscure corner where their work seems completely hidden. But the eye of their God is always upon them, and their faithful service, unnoticed of men, it may be, is accepted of Him. The distinction between greater or lesser service is made by man and not by our loving Lord. His command is "Follow me". Happy is the heart that answers this call.

We earnestly deprecate the prevalence of the war spirit which, on the continent of Europe as well as in our own land seems to carry all before it. Those who remain faithful to the principles of peace have to meet much opposition and are frequently misunderstood. Nevertheless the followers of the Prince of Peace are still trust their leader and when the war cloud rolls away and the din of the conflict ceases, others beside those who are faithful now will hear once more the voice of Christ saying "Peace".

We are thankful to the great Head of the Church for sending to us so many ambassadors of the Gospel, and an especial desire has been awakened that we may faithfully open the way for the fulfilment of their mission that the good seed sown by them, falling into willing and receptive hearts, may bring forth fruit to the glory of God.

Now to you "who have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ grace and peace be multiplied."

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American Epistle

To xxxxxx Yearly Meeting:-

Dear Friends:-

The presence of the power of God has been manifested to a remarkable degree during our sessions this year, and as we send to you in the name of the Master our heartfelt greetings, it is with the earnest prayer that as He has been with us, so also may He be with you.

We have one Father and one Christ, and as we keep step with our divine leader, so shall we be in step with one another and be brought together in a union so close that the prayer of our Master shall be answered, "That they all may be one, as Thou Father art in me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us."

Our union in faith, in love, in sympathy has always been close indeed, and if present efforts fail not, the near future will witness a oneness also in discipline and in work, such as we as a society have never known, and with the blessing of God upon us, we believe that as a mighty phalanx we shall be better fitted to perform our part in the conflict against wrong. The Uniform Discipline is we believe, a step in the direction of closer union, and hence greater strength.

The Friends American Board of Foreign Missions is also a revelation of the fact that as Yearly Meetings we are being brought closer together for greater and more efficient work.

We are forcibly impressed at this time that the Friends are not a lifeless society, but alive, active and energetic. There is before them a great opportunity, an open door toward which they are pressing with hope and courage. New England Yearly Meeting feels her share of the responsibility, and examination reveals the fact that we are making progress. Difficulties we all have to meet it is true, and not all is being accomplished that we could wish, but substantial growth and real life is manifested in every hand.

Our Evangel and Church Extension Committee report much active work done, and the church is

reaching out to establish new meetings and to erect [illegible] houses. This ought to be the work of our church as a whole if we are to say rightful claim to the title "Primitive Christianity Revived".

In this age of Foreign Missions when the whole Christian world seems aglow with the desire to send the Gospel to them in darkness, we rejoice for our share in that work. The Mission at Ramallah Palestine is reported as being in a flourishing condition. The work heretofore has been exclusively for girls, but this year the Christian Endeavor Union has seen fit to use the opportunity which providentially opened before it, and over six hundred dollars was pledged at the annual meeting for the beginning of a work for boys in connection with the work for girls at Ramallah. We ask your prayers that in this advance step, the wisdom and care of our Heavenly Father may be abundantly manifested.

In activity alone is there life, and activity in the Christian life means progress. "Forward in the name of our Master" is the word which gives expression to the thought of our hearts. There is we believe a definite work for us along all the lines of Christian service in which we are engaged. We are reminded that if we are doing Lord's service under His leadership, we shall always go forward, for God never stands still, nor does He ever sound the retreat in the battle against sin. We trust that a great forward movement may characterize Friends everywhere, that we may step out with courage and hope into the peace which God has for us was church and study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.

The teaching we have received brings forcibly to our minds the fact that there is but one way to do God's work. God must lead, not man. The will of God must be supreme, the will and the plans of men must be subservient thereto. Our Master while on earth lived in absolute accord with His Father's will. Then and thus only shall we efficiently perform the great work

that God has given us to do.

Take courage, we are engaged in God's work. The Almighty God is our help and our guide. Let us work, together with Divine energy, awaiting the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To the sick and afflicted:-

Dear Friends:-

As we have been sitting together during this annual gathering and heard the burning messages from visiting ministers, the accounts of self sacrifice and devotion of workers from foreign fields, the epistles from our sister Yearly Meetings and the reports of work in our own we have been deeply moved and brought to see as never before that "the field is the world", white indeed unto harvest, and the laborers too few.

We feel the need of a reverent and complete consecration to Him who said "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and a willingness to enter any door of service He may open for us.

We have remembered with loving sympathy those of you who have been unable to be with us. Your "open door" may have led into the sick chamber, but not alone. Even here his sweet word, "Lo, I am with you" come with cheer and comfort. If in his love and wisdom He leads some of you to suffer with Him, to lie still and wait, when you long to serve, remember even in this, patiently yielding to His will, you may glorify Him in your body and spirit which are His. Having been called apart from the rush and excitement of the busy world, prove that He has sweeny things to say to you. Listen then for His message.

If some special affliction, loss or disappointment confronts you, turn it over at once to Him, let Him chose the way for you and it shall result in a deepening of your love, a strengthening of your faith and His own glory. Do not fear the furnace of affliction, it shall only consume the dross and refine the gold.

He sits by and watches the process, and not a moment too long will He allow you to remain. But in His own time He will lead you forth changed from glory to glory. All your lives shall reflect His image.

Then dear afflicted ones believe His will means the very best He can give you, and you will learn in all to say

"Thou great helmed will of God,
My anchor ground my fortress hill,
My spirits silent fair abode,
In thee I hide me and am still.

Oh will that willest good alone
Lead thou the way. Thou guidest best.
A little child, I follow on
And trusting lean upon thy breast.

And if in gloom I see thee not
I lean upon thy love unknown.
In me thy blessed will is wrought
If I will nothing of my own."

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

To the Children of New England Y. M.

Dear Children,

As we have gathered at Newport for our Yearly Meeting, we have remembered you and thought we would like to send you a letter. We are in the midst of beautiful trees and flowers, which remind us of the love of our Heavenly Father, in preparing such a pleasant world for us to live in. And they also make us think of the time when the Lord Jesus was on this earth and gave lessons from the flowers. You remember the people who lived at that time loved to hear Jesus talk and where He was there would always be a crowd of old and young. Some might be sick, or lame or blind and wanted Him to make them well, and some wanted to hear His loving words.

One day there were so many came to Him, He went up on a hill and talked to them. There was a level plain before Him covered with green grass, and all through the grass the little flowers were peeping up and making the field gay with their bright colors.

You know how pleasant it is to run about in the fields and pick wild flowers, and perhaps some boy or girl might have stood before the Lord with a handful of lilies. However that may be, our Savior said, "Consider the lilies." that is, look at them, think who made them who painted them with such beautiful colors. You know dear children. It was God our Heavenly Father. The lilies could not make themselves, but He did it all.

Why did Jesus say "Consider the lilies"? Because He wanted the people to know that God was watching over the little flowers, and would take care of them. And the lesson He taught the children of Judea, is just as good for the children in New England, who need it just as much.

Among the flowers some are tall and large and some are very small and yet each one is perfectly made each one fills its place. Our Heavenly Father wants each child to do so too. He wants you to be like the flowers, making the places where you live bright and beautiful. Do you wonder how you can do this? The little flowers

opens up to the sun and opens its pretty leaves and shows its Maker's praise. So you, dear children, will open your hearts to the Blessed Savior, "the Sun of Righteousness," and listen to His teachings you too will be bright and beautiful.

Each flower has its place, and so each one of you has a little work to do for Jesus. If you are sweet and gentle and thoughtful and obedient you will show in your lives that you love Jesus, and fill your place in God's creation.

Sometimes weeds grow up and choke the flowers or spoil their beauty. So angry temper or words, and careless idle habits keep little human flowers from being what God meant them to be. But the same dear Savior will help you. He will take away the naughty bad feelings and make your hearts pure and sweet if you will let Him. He says "Let the children come to me." Will you not come and be His children and like the flowers show forth His glory?

1901.

1. At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held in joint session at Portland, Maine, beginning on Sixth-day, Sixth Month 14th, 1901.

2. Our several Quarterly Meetings report that they have appointed Representatives to attend this meeting, whose names being called, seventy-nine were present and eleven absent. The [illegible] number of absentees have furnished satisfactory excuses. The places of absentees having been filled as far as practicable, as provided for in Minute No. 3, the list of Representatives stands as follows:

Rhode Island – Eric Estes, Obadiah Chace, E. [illegible] Tucker, Henry C. Aydelott, Charles A. Chace, Charles Grisson, Robert P. Gifford, Phebe S. Aydelott, Susan Peckham, Emily A. White, Anna G. Manchester, Cornelia Burke, James C. Estes, Asenath Tetlow, Mary E. Kimber

Salem: Jennie W. Crosman, W. Carleton Jones, Charles H. Thorndike, Eli Jepson, Olney T. Meader, Walter H. Allen, Susan H. Meader, Charles H. Jones, [illegible] W. Swett, Anna M. Gove, Stephen Swett, Chloe A. Breed

Sandwich: William Thompson, Anna [illegible], Susan [illegible], [illegible] V. Walker, Mary [illegible] Macomber, Richard [illegible], [illegible] Macomber, [illegible] Henry [illegible], Susan T. Thompson, William P. Macomber

Tremont: – John J. Fox, L. Frank Jones, [illegible], Chas. W. Webber, Henry F. Newell, Lucy J. [illegible], W. Elmer Richardson, Dora [illegible], [illegible] Maria [illegible], Stephen [illegible] Webb, [illegible] T. Richardson

Smithfield: Samuel A. Arnold, Sarah J. Swift, Deborah P. Atherton, Emeline H. Tuttle, D. Wheeler Swift, Alice M. Dow, Oscar J. Morse, Jennie Allyn

Vassalboro - Evelyn J. Prescott Annie H. Cowe, Willie C. Hume
Ebenezer J. Turner Eliza P. Pierce Etta S. Cate
Sylvina Prescott J. Albert Jones Annie M. Nichols
Dover: - Samuel Buffum Ann C. Nutter Anna M. Hussey
Almena B. Nutter Mary Bangs William V. Ware
Almira B. Buffum
Fairfield: J. Warren Hawkes A. Edward Kelsey Samuel J. Bailey
Mary W. Jones (of Winthrop Center) Phebe H. Wadsworth
Esther L. Pike Joseph G. Briggs Mary G. Winslow
William P. Winslow Augustus F. Morse Henry Winslow
Anna M. Richmond
Parsonsfield: - Silas H. Cartland, Ira B. Tilton Alice Tilton
Will S. Weeks John H. Cartland Emily M. Jones

3. The Representatives to this meeting are authorized to fill any vacancies in their several delegations.

4. Duly accredited ministers from other yearly Meetings are in attendance, viz:-
William Hobson from London yearly Meeting
Mary J. Weaver, Mary S. Knowles, Albert Tyge
Eli Reece and Everett J. Rugg from New York yearly Meeting
Jacob Baker and Walter S. Aldrich from Ohio yearly Meeting
Harry Hayes from Iowa Yearly Meeting
John H. Watson from Kansas yearly Meeting
Elders as companions to ministers, with credentials from their respective meetings, are present, viz:-
Elizabeth C. Hobson, companion to William Hobson
Mary E. Bedell, companion to Mary S. Knowles
Anna B. Rugg, companion to Everett J. Rugg
Phila A. Baker companion to Jacob Baker.

5. The following committee is appointed to prepare returning minutes for our visiting Friends as way shall open, viz:-
Charles H. Jones John J. Tyge William Thompson
Sarah D. Brown Anna M. Hussey Elizabeth C. M. Gifford

6. We appoint the following committee to audit the Treasurer's account to the present time and to present the

name of a Friend for Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting; one for Treasurer of Providence Boarding School funds and one for Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, viz:-
Thomas Ford, Melvin M. Bailey, Charles Sisson, Susan H. Meader.

7. Information from Quarterly Meetings.

Rhode Island has recorded the following Friends as Ministers of the Gospel:- Byrne O. Salisbury, Alice C. Earle, Thomas J. Battey. Providence Monthly Meeting is to hold its sessions at Saylesville in Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth months of 1901 at the usual day and hour, and in Providence the balance of the year as heretofore. Greenwich Monthly Meeting is held at 2.30 P.M. instead of 3 o'clock.

Salem - Abram J. Huntington has been appointed correspondent of Amesbury Monthly Meeting, Address, Amesbury, Mass.

Charles H. Atkins, a minister, has been released from membership at his own request.

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting has confirmed the appointment of 37 associate members of the Meeting as Ministry and Oversight.

Lydia G. Hoxie has been appointed correspondent of Sandwich Monthly Meeting in place of James E. Gifford, deceased. Address, West Falmouth, Mass.

Edward L. Macomber has been appointed Correspondent of Westport Monthly Meeting, in place of James A. Gifford, deceased. P.O. Address Central Village, Mass.

Falmouth - Lewis M. Douglas has been released from the station of Elder at his own request.

The hour of holding Falmouth Monthly Meeting the months it is held at Oak Street, Portland, has been changed from 10.30 A.M. to 7.30 P.M.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting in the appointment of James O. Read to the station of Elder, and in the appointment of six associate members of the Meeting as Ministry and Oversight.

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting has united with China Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Ciempsal Whitehouse to the station of Elder.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting has united with Winthrop Monthly Meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public ministry of Orlando E. Williams.

Changes in the place of holding Winthrop Monthly Meeting have been effected and the following arrangement adopted viz:-

Winthrop Center in first, third, ninth and eleventh months
Winthrop Village in second and sixth months
Manchester in fourth, tenth and twelfth months
West Gardiner in fifth and eighth months
Augusta in seventh months.

A meeting for worship has been established at Cornwick within the limits of St. Albans Monthly Meeting to be held on First day at 11 A.M. .....

8. Requests from Quarterly Meetings

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting requests that its Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in the Seventh and Tenth Months at Falmouth and Sandwich respectively, be held at ten o'clock on the same day with the Quarterly Meeting, instead of at two o'clock on the day previous.

The request is granted.

Fairfield Quarterly Meeting asks that the hour of holding the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight in Ninth Month be changed from two P.M. to seven thirty P.M. also that the place of holding the Quarterly Meeting in Second Month be designated as Winthrop Center instead of Winthrop and in the Eleventh Month as North Fairfield instead of Fairfield, all of which are granted.

9. All our Quarterly Meetings have directed the payment of their respective quotas of Yearly Meeting stock to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

10. The usual statistical information has been furnished and appear in the following table:

Statistical Report of New England Yearly Meeting.

From Third Month 1st, 1900 to Third Month 1st, 1901

	Number of Meetings	Statistics of Ministers, Elders and Associates: Number of Ministers	Number of Elders	Number of Associate Members	Statistics of Membership: Number of Members reported last year	Error in last year's Report – Gain	Error in last year's report – Loss	Births	Deaths	Moved in	Moved out	Admitted	Released	Gain	Loss	Present Number of Members	Statistics of Children: Number of Children between 4 and 12	Number of Children between 12 and 21	Number attending School	Number attending School taught or controlled by Friends	Number between 12 and 21 attending School taught or controlled by Friends	Number attending College	Number attending College controlled by Friends
Rhode Island	11	25	31	35	957	....	8	9	23	5	5	54	7	23	--	980	96	90	131	18	16	6	2
Salem	10	15	39	42	733	....	3	7	7	..	..	23	9	11	...	744	53	58	78	6	5	8	0
Sandwich	13	12	17	64	471	1	....	1	5	1	...	2	...	--	...	471	14	20	28	7	7	--	...
Falmouth	6	18	31	...	601	1	....	3	10	7	...	16	3	14	...	615	62	73	106	15	8	3	
Smithfield	5	8	22	24	286	1	....	1	4	4	3	--	8	...	9	277	19	18	28	2	2	2	1
Vassalboro	9	19	34	5	477	...	....	3	9	1	6	11	2	...	2	475	22	38	44	4	5	0	0
Dover	5	3	18	10	170	...	7	...	3	..	2	...	2	--	14	156	9	14	18	3	3	...	...
Fairfield	9	11	31	21	675	1	....	5	17	...	1	40	22	6	...	681	53	44	65	3	3	1	...
Parsonsfield	2	5	6	23	133	....	5	3	3	--	..	5	...	...	...	133	6	16	16	4	3	1	--
	70	116	229	224	4503	4	23	32	81	18	17	151	53	54	25	4532	334	371	514	62	52	21	3

Statistical Report — continued.

Names of Ministers (Deceased)	Date of Death	Age in years or in what year of his age	Monthly Meetings to which they belonged
Lydia Haight	Sixth Month 5th, 1900	77th year	Uxbridge
Rachel B. Nichols	First Month 11th, 1901	88th "	Vassalboro
Eunice Winslow	Third Month 28th, 1901	77th "	St. Albans
Names of Elders (Deceased)			
Mary H. Sutton	Fourth Month 4th, 1900	76th year	Providence
John H. Meader	Fourth Month 3rd 1900	83rd "	Providence
Annie C. Milliken	Third Month 31st 1900	85th "	Sandwich
Reuben T. Jones	Twelfth Month 31st 1900	82d "	Falmouth
John T. Fellows	Sixth Month 30th 1900	79th "	Windham
Ezra Hawkes	Fourth Month 27th, 1901	64th "	Falmouth
Esther Osborne	Second Month 18th, 1901	76th "	Smithfield
William H. Oates	Eleventh Month 30th, 1900	77th "	Vassalboro
Josiah Philbrook	Second Month 19th, 1901	79th "	Chinese
Abigail L. Paddock	Seventh Month 6th 1900	78th "	Sidney
Eunice W. Mayoon	Twelfth Month 6th, 1900	69th "	Sidney
Emeline C. Myers	Fourth Month 27th, 1900	87th "	Winthrop
Jacob Pope	Sixth Month 28th, 1900	88th "	Winthrop
Abigail Beede	Fourth Month 2d, 1900	83rd "	Sandwich, N. H.

11. We appoint the following committee to prepare and present to a future sitting a summary of answers to the Queries, viz: William O. Newhall, William P. Macomber, Sarah D. Holmes, Charles M. Woodman, William Richmond, Mary E. Kimber, W. Carleton Jones.

12. The Representatives are requested to present to our next sitting the names of Friends to constitute a standing committee on nominations.

13. Adjourned to four o'clock this afternoon.
14. Afternoon, met at the hour of adjournment.

15. The Representatives have reported the following nominations for Clerks, viz:-
For Clerk - John Ellwood Paige
For Assistant Clerk - Daniel C. Maxfield
For Clerk of Womens Meeting - Deborah P. Atherton.
For Assistant Clerk of Womens Meeting - Susan Pickham
which nominations being considered are approved and the Friends named are appointed to serve in the several capacities designated for one year.

16. The Representatives have also presented names of Friends to constitute a standing Committee on Nominations which being considered and approved, they are appointed to the service, viz: Robert P. Gifford, Olney T. Meader, Charles W. Webber, Oscar J. Morse, Samuel Buffum, Hannah J. Bailey, Mary E. Kimber, William Thompson, L. Maria Jones, Anna M. Nichols, Anna M. Hussey, John B. Cartland, H. Elizabeth Jones, Adelaide V. Wilbur, Emeline H. Tuttle, Willis C. Hawes, Joseph E. Briggs, Emily M. Jones.

17. The report of the Committee in care of the Boarding School at Providence has been read and considered. From the detailed statement of the report in all its departments, supplemented by verbal accounts from visitors at the school, we are assured that this time honored institution is showing a steady and

strong progress, and is being, as it has been in the past, a blessing and benefit to the Yearly Meeting as well as to the country and the world, in sending out young men and women well equipped to enter upon the duties and privileges of a high type of citizenship. Whatever the achievements of these young men and women in after time may be, they will point with living pride to their alma mater as the place where direction was given to the right development and use of their native endowments.

Report of Providence Boarding School Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends:- The Committee in charge of the Providence Boarding School present this their eighty-second annual report.

The number of students in attendance during the year has been large. We report with much satisfaction that the character and efficiency of the school have been well sustained. The religious meetings have been, through Divine grace, excellent and edifying occasions. The number of persons who have made public profession of religion has not been as great as in some former years, but steady progress and growth has been made in a reverential and contrite spirit.

Evelyn Barrow, our Preceptress, departed this life the twentieth day of the Second Month, 1901. This bereavement has touched many hearts far and wide. She left us in the maturity of her power and influence, at a moment when she seemed to possess greater resources than ever before, in the culture and guidance of youth and in molding character. She was preceptress more than ten years and grew constantly into sympathy with the Society of Friends, and into sympathy with the spirit and traditions of the School. Her memory will be long cherished in the Institution with sincere gratitude, because she has awakened so many young people to loftier ideals of life and inspired them to noble thinking and living. Every one who has been associated with her will join in heartfelt testimony to her worth.

Louise M. Sharpless, a member of the Senior Class

a beautiful Christian girl, daughter of Charles Sharpe of Boston, Mass. died at her home on First Month 29th, 1901. She was very highly esteemed by all who knew her.

Very liberal donations have been received towards the construction of a gymnasium, amounting to more than six thousand dollars. We hope to have the building ready for service next winter. No other thing seems to be so needful to the school at present.

Some land has been sold in a remote part of the farm which has, through a rise in values, become too valuable for farming, and is not required by the School. The proceeds thereof have been used to replace funds previously expended in permanent improvements on the premises.

We are sincerely grateful to our Father in Heaven for the blessings of health and prosperity, but much more for the presence of His Holy Spirit which we humbly believe has crowned the work this year.

The number of scholars for the year has been

Boarders —	194
Day students —	9
Day art students	41
Total	244.

Officers of Government and Instructions.

Augustine Jones, A.M., LL.B.	Principal and Political Science
Charles E. Cobb	Governor and Director of Gymnasium
*Evelyn Barrows, S.B.	Preceptress and English Studies.
Mary Abbie Wheeler, A.B.	Preceptress and English Studies, Second Term
Thomas J. Battey, A.M.	Natural Science
Sophia L. Pitman	Drawing and Painting
Walter S. Meader, A.M.	Higher Mathematics
Horatio B. Knox, A.M.	Greek and Latin
Charles R. Jacob, A.B.	Modern Languages
Helen L. Thomas, A.B.	History and Literature
Frances E. Wheeler, A.B.	English Studies
Carrie R. Thomas	Preparatory Department
Susan S. Moore	English Grammar.
Eliza D. Gardiner	Assistant in Drawing & Painting
Allen W. Weeks	Mechanic Arts.

*Deceased.

[illegible]	French
Fred G. Kneeland, A.B.	Assistant Governor and English Studies
Henry M. Cobb	English Studies
John H. Mullan, A.M.	Choral and Instrumental Music
Lucy Hogan Miller Marion L. Miller Josephine R. Organ Harriet E. Williams	Assistants in Music
Helen L. Payne	Physical Training for Girls
Sidney R. Burleigh	Special in Water Colors
Gideon [illegible]	Special in Mechanical Drawing
Caroline Fenno Chase	Secretary and Book-keeper.
Caroline Rathbone Jones	Librarian

Lecturers

Thomas J. Battey, A.M.	Natural Science
Leon H. Vincent	Literature
William A. Mowry, LL.D.	History.

The Committee proposes that the rates for admission to the School, per term, for all who may be admitted, be $150. Credit to members of New England Yearly Meeting from the Obadiah Brown Scholarship Fund, $75. Credit to a member of another Yearly Meeting, by scholarship from the same fund, of $25.00 And a further credit to any member of New England Yearly Meeting, if selected by the School Committee, from the scholarship of the charitable fund, of $75. The rates are payable at the commencement of each term. An additional charge to be made for one year's instruction in Greek, Latin, French or German, of $1[illegible] For one year's instruction in mechanical and crayon drawing and painting, $30.

It is understood that no deduction from the rates of payment shall be made except when occasioned by prolonged sickness, and then a reduction of one half may be made for the balance of the term or period of absence.

Note:— The Autumn Term begins Ninth Month 11th, 1901, and the Spring Term begins Second Month 5th, 1902. Applications for admission to the School should be made seasonably for the meeting of the Committee Seventh Month 2d, 1901.

Those who desire the benefit of the Charitable Funds

should be sure to file their applications with the Principal on or before the 30th of Sixth Month, 1901.

Signed in behalf of the Committee
William C. Newhall, Clerk.

Providence, Fifth Month 21st, 1901.

Form of Application for Scholarships at
Friends School, Providence, R.I.

This form should be filled out by or for each applicant for a scholarship at Friends School, Providence, R.I. for the school year beginning Ninth Month -- 19--, and filed with the Principal of the School on or before Sixth Month 30th, 19--, to be considered by the School Committee at its next meeting.

Applications not properly filled out and filed as directed, may not be considered by the Committee until all other applications are disposed of.

First — Full name - - - - - - - - Age at nearest birthday - - - - -
Second - Father's name - - - - - Is he living? - - - His occupation - - -
Third - Mother's name - - - - - - - Is she living? - - -
Fourth - P. O. office address. - - - -
Fifth - With whom does the applicant live?
Name of guardian if any - - - - - - - - -
Sixth — Is the applicant a member of the Society of Friends? - - -
Seventh — If so, member of what Yearly Meeting? —
What Monthly Meeting? —
Eighth — If not a Friend, what religious service does the applicant attend?
Ninth Has the applicant been a student at Friends School?
If so, how many terms? — In what class? —
Tenth - Has the applicant previously had a scholarship?
Eleventh - What amount in addition to scholarship can the parents, guardian or friends pay?
Twelfth - What are the home opportunities for attending school?
Thirteenth - What school did the applicant attend last?
In what grade? —
Fourteenth — Give names and addresses of two references?
Fifteenth — Number of brothers and sisters between ten and twenty years of age.
Sixteenth — If over sixteen years of age, what occupation has the applicant in prospect?

Date Mo. 190—

Signed by applicant Signed by parent or guardian.

Note. - One of the most serious interruptions of the School is the frequent home visiting of the students, therefore it is earnestly desired that those receiving scholarships should refrain from this as much as circumstances will admit.

Address communications to Augustine Jones, Friends School Providence, R. I.

Statement of Providence School Accounts, for the year ending Seventh Month 1st, 1900.

Receipts

General Scholarship Fund	$5,000.00	
Charitable Fund	1,775.00	
S. T. Olney Fund	1,445.00	
Elizabeth Fry Fund	1,500.00	
E. Cattell Fund	150.00	
P. J. Tripp Fund	150.00	
Students accounts	42,945.49	
Auxiliary studies	3465.19	
Day school tuition	293.50	
	56,724.18	$56,724.18

Expenditures

Salary account	$18,044.15
Wages	12,604.69
Provisions	12,716.23
Repairs and renewals	6804.38
Fuel electric light and power	1650.87
Water	662.96
Library	555.37
Incidentals	283.25
Papers and periodicals	48.71
Lectures	358.42
Publication	80.38
Insurance	40.00
Excursions	33.70
Merchandise	457.33
Advertising	1450.47

Gas light	$234.34
Balance	1110.88
	$36,724.18

James H. Chace
Charles Sisson
Robert P. Gifford } Finance Committee

Accounts examined and found correct.

C. E. Cobb. Auditor

Report of Real Estate Committee

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:

1900		
5th Month 23d.	Sold 4618.21 square feet of land on Olney Street	$1616.37
7th Month 16th.	Received for correct layout of Olney Street	50.00
8th Month 11th.	Sold 7703 square feet of land on Hope Street	3550.00
10th Month 1st	Sold 9693 square feet of land on Olney Street	2038.60
10th Month 1st	Received for part of curbing on Olney Street	84.50
12th Month 8th.	Received for sale of 2676.58 square feet of land on Olney Street	629.00
12th Month 20th	Received for sale of 5.000 square feet of land	1000.00
1901.		
First Month 3d	Received balance of purchase money for deed in escrow	1600.00
Third Month 4th	Received for 19,182.80 square feet of land on Morris Avenue and Olney Street	5754.84
		$16,323.61

Expenditures

1900. Sixth Month 21st	Paid for the Olney St. Sewer	$2,286.67
Seventh Month 3d.	Paid for curbing and sidewalk on Olney St.	1,758.70
Seventh Month 24th	Paid for curbing and sidewalk on Arlington Ave.	70.00
1901. Fifth Month 20th	Paid for the year, items of commissions, surveying, plating and counsel fees	383.14
	Paid Treasurer of School Funds, balance	11,805.10
		$16,323.61

On behalf of the Committee
Robert P. Gifford, Clerk.

Providence, Fifth Month 20th, 1901.

18. The report of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute

has been read. The interest of the Yearly Meeting suffers no loss in the transfer of its attention from the older to the younger of our educational institutions. It is with much satisfaction that we note the progress at each term, in the different departments of the school. The reputation it has acquired as an educational center has been well earned. We are confident of the efficiency of the present management, and bespeak for it an earnest and hearty support, by patronage and by expressed interest.

Report of Committee in Charge of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

The Committee having the care of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute present our annual report.

The school has continued for the year under the care of Arthur M. Charles as Principal, ably assisted by his wife, Carrie L. Charles, as Preceptress, and by well qualified teachers in the different departments. The attendance has been as follows:

Fall term, 84 - 38 boarders, 46 day scholars.

Winter term, 75 - 37 boarders. 38 day scholars.

Spring term. 76 - 37 boarders, 39 day scholars.

The instruction has been thorough and the standard of scholarship and character high. We believe that the faculty have faithfully kept before them the original aim of the school, "to develop strong, upright, cultured men and women." Meetings for worship on First day and in the middle of the week have been regularly held at the Chapel, and devotional services daily at the school. A Christian Endeavor organization has proved very helpful. In the report of the Principal for the winter term is this interesting item. "Our closing Christian Endeavor meeting for the term was encouraging, as there were several first confessions made." A member of your committee felt the Master's call to spend a few days at the School during the spring term, holding special meetings and in personal talk among the students; his services were blessed and he reported the religious spirit of the School very encouraging. Through the blessing of our kind Heavenly Father no serious illness has occurred, either in the school or among the day students.

A generous gift of wall maps from our friend

Charles W. Bailey and of drawing for the tables in the commercial room from George L. Berman have been appreciated. Much inconvenience having resulted from insufficient water supply, an engine and pump have been procured at an expense of $250. and the supply of water is now ample for the needs of the school.

The Commencement exercises were interesting and satisfactory. The graduating class numbered thirteen, nine in the academic and four in the commercial course. The address to the class was by the Maine State Superintendent of Public Schools, who has manifested a deep interest in the educational work at Oak Grove.

For a statement of the financial condition of the school reference is made to the report of our treasurer.

The officers of government and instruction are:

Arthur W. Charles, A.M.	Principal, German, English & Civics
Carrie Lane Charles, Ph.B.	Preceptress, Latin and French
Alvano C. Goddard	Mathematics
Lucien P. Libby, A.B.	Science and Greek
Nettie C. Burleigh, A.B.	English and History
John S. Pierce	Commercial Department
Etta H. Johnston	Primary and Intermediate
F. J. Rigby	Piano
Georgia F. Burrows	Elocution
Eva E. Dunham	Matron

Communications may be addressed to Arthur W. Charles, A.M. Oak Grove, Vassalboro, Maine.

For the Committee,

J. Warren Hawkes, Secretary.

Portland, Sixth Month 14th, 1901.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

By balance from last year	$25.50
By cash from board and tuition	4116.64
" " Interest of endowment fund	479.50
" " Temporary loan	7800.00
" " State treasurer	800.00
" " Cows sold	67.00
Returned from over payment	27.30

Mortgage notes	1421.00	
Cook	24.59	
Interest on deposits	.38	
		$4761.91

Expenditures.

To salary account	$2925.00	
Wages	746.95	
Repairs and renewals	561.89	
Premiums	1710.08	
Books and printing	142.92	
Scholarships	389.00	
Fuel	691.75	
Lights	76.90	
Incidentals	209.01	
Paid temporary loan	5550.00	
Paid interest on temporary loan	183.00	
Paid taxes on property in the West	111.14	
Postage	22.25	
Trustees	1421.00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	21.07	
		14761.91

Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer

Sixth Month 15th, 1901.

19. The report of the Committee on Education has been before us for consideration, and we commend it to the careful study and attention of our membership, when it shall reach them in our printed proceedings.

Report of the Committee on Education.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:

The Committee on Education reports that the schools under the care of the Yearly Meeting are doing excellent work, and are a comfort and creditable to the Society of Friends.

The statistics presented to the Yearly Meeting in 1900, inform us that there were 365 children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 12 and 21, and also that only 97 of these 388 were in schools taught or controlled by Friends, being really only a little over one fourth of them

If this condition is due to lack of funds, or want of confidence in the schools, or indifference as to the aims and purposes of our institutions, then in either case the subject is worthy of our earnest and profound consideration.

If our children are in the schools of other denominations, even if they receive no bias against the teaching and faith of their fathers, they certainly fail to receive positive and aggressive instruction and influence, in the most essential matters.

Few, if any schools now teach the tenets or creeds of denominations, but there are sacred traditions and public opinions clustering around institutions, coming down from the immemorial past, which are more potent, more character building than doctrines or statutes; you breathe them in the vital air of the place.

It will be found that the leaders in our Society, north, south, east and west were trained in the denominational schools. Not that they were instructed directly in the faith, but they were influenced by daily intercourse, by the associations of teachers, and of the time honored place, until they became seasoned with loyalty to the school and to the Society of Friends. It ought to be a conspicuous purpose in these institutions, to present the Society, its history and great characters at their best, to attract the attention of the young and hold their confidence in the future destiny and usefulness of the Society, at that very period when they are making up their choice, whether to remain or depart. Anything which then belittles the Society is fatal.

If the 271 children, out of this 368 not accounted for, are in the public schools, they have little opportunity for moral or religious training. There can be no true moral teaching not based on religion. The heart must be right in the sight of God, to sustain moral culture and life. The Bible is largely excluded from the public schools, and this is to throw away the very armor and livery of heaven, in the struggle for righteousness.

Every succeeding year, in human life and progress, bears witness to the intense urgency in this generation, of the plain living and high thinking of our fathers in the church. We sorely need in this maddening rush into vanity, the

quiet, peaceful teachings of a sweet Acadian day of Quaker simplicity, which long ago enveloped our childhood, as with a mantle.

Our schools are our hope. A thousand conservative memories of the past gather around them, which cannot fail to direct the headlong course of things, as the sturdy trunks and limbs of trees support the new growth, limiting and directing it, or as constitutions restrain unwise laws and the sudden impulses of men. Noble sentiments are to be cherished, for sentiment rules the world.

Let us guard well our priceless heritage in these institutions in which heavenly guided men have taken money from their heirs and families, and dedicated it to the service of mankind, and to the promulgation, as we believe, of the most perfect interpretation of Christian thought in the world. Why else do we adhere to it?

If we would have a part in this work, and prolong its influence in the world, we must educate every rising generation in it.

It is said that the teachings of the Society of Friends are swiftly becoming a lost art, while the essentials are being caught up by other religious bodies. If this is so, which we do not admit, then it is the withering influence of ignorance in our homes, where the light of our schools has not penetrated.

So long as the teaching at Jacob's well continues to be the most universal and comprehensive in human thought, the Society of Friends will hold its eminent position among the bearers of the true light to the race. Education of the body mind, and heart is the true method of achievement.

On behalf of the Committee,

Augustine Jones

Anna F. Hall.

Committee on Education – Financial Statement.

Receipts

Balance from last year	$33.95	
Received from Monthly Meetings	37.05	
		$71.00

Expenditures.

Appropriation for expenses of Public Meeting 6th Mo. 14, 1901	$20.00	
Appropriation to loan fund	30.00	50.00
Balance to new account		$21.00

Loan Fund

Balance last year	$150.00
Appropriations as above	30.00
	$180.00

J. E. Paige, Treasurer.

Portland, Sixth Month 14, 1901.

20. Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

21. Seventh day morning the 15th, met at the hour of adjournment.

22. As the operations of the Yearly Meeting during the coming year will be under the Uniform Discipline, as provided in minute 37 of the minutes of 1900, our Nominating Committee is hereby authorized to govern themselves accordingly in presenting nominations.

23. The reports of the Gospel Committee and of the Church Extension Board have been read and jointly considered.

Thankful for all that has been accomplished, it is a cause of regret that the Gospel Committee has failed to have received the financial support that is required for the greatest efficiency in its work. We trust that the concern of the meeting which resulted in the creation of these two committees may lead our membership to the careful inquiry, "How much owest thou?"

The request of the Gospel Committee was complied with and a collection taken amounting to $300.00 – Cash $96.00; Pledges, $204.00.

Report of Gospel Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends – Your Committee on Gospel Work have not been unmindful of the importance of the service entrusted to them, neither have they underestimated the responsibility attached to such service. As usual, however, the visible results of the work performed fall far short of what we hoped to be able to show. Perhaps this is to be expected. Certainly we find it necessary to make a similar statement each year. Unexpected circumstances crops and winds occur, which we are powerless to avoid or control, which interrupt our work or prevent it altogether. Still, above circumstances or events of any kind, there stands the unchangeable promise of Him who speaks with authority unlimited, "The word that

goeth forth out of my mouth shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Possibly our mistake lies in the fact that the results which we expected were not the results that the Lord expected. Possibly some of the experiences which seemed failures to us were but links in the chain of circumstances, by which the Lord was carrying out His purposes and really advancing His cause. Not until self becomes lost in the will of God, can we understand that "All things work together for good to them that love Him," and that disappointments become in the vernacular of Heaven, "His appointments."

In view of the fact that under the present system of raising money for the support of the various interests of the Yearly Meeting, the contributions for Gospel work have become very small, and for the last year were even less than for the year preceding, the Committee were united in requesting that a subscription for the work be taken in the face of the Yearly Meeting. For the successful prosecution of this work, a sum not less than a thousand dollars should be at the disposal of the committee.

Reports from Quarterly Meetings.

Rhode Island - John S. Kimber, Superintendent. Seven series of meetings have been held, one at each of the following places, viz: Anthony, Fall River, Swansea, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton and Saylesville. Six professed conversions, three renewals and one received into membership. Over six family visits were made. Amount expended not passing through our treasury, $54.00. Several workers have been used besides those of our own Quarterly Meeting.

Salem - Charles H. Thorndike, Superintendent. One series of five meetings held at Salem. Ten family visits. Four received into membership. Five meetings visited. Number of visits, thirty.

Sandwich - William Thompson, Superintendent. Three series of meetings have been held; one of twenty-five meetings at Smith's Neck; one of forty-one at Allen's Neck; and one of four at Long Plain. Family visits thirty. Visits a member were converted at these meetings, but how many is not known. Amount of money expended not passing through our treasury, $30. [illegible] many pastoral visits not under the care of the committee have been made but no record kept.

Falmouth - George H. Farr, Superintendent. One series

of meetings in this Quarter, held at Dorchester. Twenty-four meetings. Results not given. Amount expended not passing through our treasury, $15.

Smithfield — John Metcalfe, Superintendent. One series of nine meetings held at Bolton and one special meeting at Worcester. Four meetings have been visited, some of them twice or more. Family visits, sixty-seven. Definite results not reported. Our strength and blessings have come to the membership.

Vassalboro — Simon W. Jones, Superintendent. Three series of meetings, at Maple Grove, China and East Benton. Sixty-two meetings in all. Family visits one hundred and nine. Two conversions reported in one series. In the other two series conversions and renewals were reported, but no definite number given. Two requests for membership. Amount of money expended not passing through our treasury, $30. Twenty-six cottage prayer meetings have been held at South China and several meetings in the Chapel during the week of prayer.

Dover — Anna M. Hussey, Superintendent. All four of the meetings in this Quarter have been visited. The interest in the meeting at Rochester still appears to be good. Two have been received into membership. About [illegible] still continues his work in that meeting.

Dr. Richard [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] spent several weeks at North Berwick during the past [illegible]. This [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in other meetings, together with family visits, [illegible] meetings, [illegible] [illegible], and in other ways, were attended with much blessing. Family visits reported, one hundred and nineteen. Amount expended not passing through our treasury, $10.00.

Fairfield — Joseph E. Briggs, Superintendent. Three series of meetings, two at East St. Albans and one at Cornville. One hundred and ninety-five meetings in all. Family visits one hundred seventy-eight. Conversions thirty-three; renewals twenty-two; received into membership thirty-nine. One new meeting has been established. Amount expended not passing through our treasury $150.90. A series of meetings was also held in a school house at Palmyra, with three conversions. Pastoral visits not under the care of the Committee, five hundred and twenty-one.

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Summary.

[illegible]	23	
[illegible]	20	
[illegible]	87	
[illegible]	530	
[illegible]		\$[illegible].70
[illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]
[illegible]		[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible], 1901.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

[illegible]			\$170.66
Cash from [illegible]			10.60
" [illegible]			[illegible]
from [illegible]			[illegible]
[illegible]	"	"	[illegible]
" [illegible]	"	"	[illegible]
" [illegible]	"	"	[illegible]
" [illegible]	"	"	1[illegible]
[illegible]	"	"	[illegible]
[illegible]	"	"	4.[illegible]
" Uxbridge	"	"	50.00
" [illegible]	"	"	35.70
" Dartmouth	"	"	13.70
" Boston	"	"	20.35
" Rhode Island	"	"	4.41

Cash from Falmouth Monthly Meeting	$5.00	
" " Weare " "	2.50	
" " Smithfield " "	4.50	
" " Timothy B. Hussey	10.00	
		$474.47
Expenditures	$300.50	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	173.97	
		$474.47

Joseph E. Briggs, Treasurer.

Sixth Month 15th, 1901.

Report of the Church Extension Board.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The work of the Church Extension Board is given in detail in the statement of our Treasurer herewith submitted. As a small [illegible] come to us from various sources, and the funds at our disposal are bestowed upon cases that seem to us most urgent.

During the year, we have issued two appeals. The first was a circular mailed to five hundred of our members; the response to this was smaller than usual. The second circular, addressed to meetings, was much more successful in material results. We note with especial gratitude the fact, made apparent in many instances, that the money coming into our treasury was not merely a courteous response to an appeal for contributions, but was the expression of a real devotion to and heartfelt interest in the work of the upbuilding of the kingdom of Christ.

During the past year aid has been given to the Stafford Road Meeting, Fall River, the new meeting at East Benton, Maine, the meeting at Windham, Maine and to the meeting at South Pittsfield, N.H. For amounts applied see Treasurer's report.

If, as contemplated in the Uniform Discipline, the work of this Board and that of the Gospel Committee shall be merged under one head, we hope that some arrangement may be effected, whereby the distinctive character of our work may be maintained and that it may receive the continued and increased support of Friends.

In behalf of the Committee, Benjamin F. Trueblood, Chairman
John Edward Veigo, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Church Extension House.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Receipts for the year ending Sixth Month 1[illegible], 1901

Sixth Month 1900. Collection at [illegible] Yearly Meeting	$[illegible]
[illegible]	1.50
[illegible]	1.50
[illegible]	5.00
[illegible]	2.50
[illegible] Bailey	20.00
Elizabeth C. Wing	2.50
Henry D. Swift	10.50
Samuel D. Nichols	2.50
D. Wheeler Swift	10.50
[illegible]	20.50
Jedediah J. Varney	5.50
Mary [illegible]	10.50
Rebecca W. Davis	10.50
[illegible]	1.50
[illegible]	1.50
Charles [illegible]	5.00
Timothy B. [illegible]	10.50
Eli Meader	1.50
J. Russell Marble	1.50
George C. [illegible]	1.75
[illegible] Monthly Meeting	5.00
Boston Monthly Meeting	12.75
Worcester Meeting	11.15
Lynn Meeting	13.66
Somerset Meeting	20.15
Bolton Meeting	8.13
[illegible] Meeting	10.50
East Vassalboro Meeting	5.00
[illegible] Meeting	5.55
[illegible] Meeting	.63
[illegible] Meeting	6.50
Fall River Meeting	8.75
[illegible] Monthly Meeting	15.77
[illegible] Monthly Meeting	25.12
Portland Christian Endeavor	15.00
Total [illegible]	$[illegible]

Payments.

Stafford Road Chapel, Fall River, Mass.	$100.00
East Benton, Maine, Meeting house	117.00
Wonerham Meeting, Maine	[illegible]
Postage	5.00
Circulars	3.50
South Pittsfield Meeting house	127.66
	$378.66

Thomas Wood, Treasurer

Portland, Sixth Month 14th, 1901.

24. Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon

25. Next at the hour of adjournment.

26. The report of the Foreign Mission Committee has been read, as we watch from year to year the progress of the work in Ramallah, the marked impress it has made upon the community in which it is located, the place which its former pupils have taken as its present instructors, the substantial [illegible] and their excellent appointments, and remember that it all comes as the evolution of a concern put into the hearts of our late dear friends Eli and Sybil Jones, we are deeply impressed with the fact that it is more than safe to follow the leading of the spirit of our Master. It is not [illegible] pictures of the future, but it is ours to have strong faith in the promises of God.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to whom was entrusted the care of the work of this Yearly Meeting at Ramallah have given attention to this service. Committee meetings have been held during the year and [illegible] letters have been distributed beside publishing them in the American Friend and Missionary Advocate.

After much consideration, the services of Elihu and [illegible] have been secured as Superintendent and Matron of the new Boys Training House, which has been established by the efficient aid of the Friends of

Christian Endeavor of this Yearly Meeting. They [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] welcomed and are engaged in the finishing and furnishing of the house selected for the purpose. Already there have many more boys applied to enter it than can be taken in.

A large amount of household stores and very welcome gifts were sent out with them, for which most hearty and appreciative thanks have been received.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society has not only largely contributed towards the expenses of the Mission but was very active and helpful in the collection of these most acceptable gifts

We present the following report from our Superintendent, which will tell what has been done during the past year.

Eli and Sibyl Jones Mission Ramallah, Palestine
Fifth Month 15th, 1901.

To the Foreign Mission Committee of New England Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends— In preparing this report, our thoughts have gone back over the various events of the past twelve months with the sunshine and shadow which have come to this Mission Home. Through them all we have felt the sweet presence of our Heavenly Father and have realized His wondrous love and care. If it were not His work, owned and blessed by Him, we should not dare to undertake it, nor should we be able to do it. Therefore to Him we ascribe all the glory and humbly acknowledge His goodness and mercy.

The many loving letters we have received and the prayers which we know have ascended from many hearts have been a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] are working at home for the salvation of souls.

Another expression of your love came in the form of six trunks [illegible] with useful and needed articles for the Home and which we know required much self-denial to supply. Only the lives of the recipients are greatly brightened by your thoughtfulness [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which have been sent from time to time

Another of our blessings is in having papers and [illegible] to read, and the following have been received regularly [illegible]

[illegible] "[illegible]" "[illegible]" "[illegible]" "[illegible]" "[illegible]" "[illegible]" "[illegible]" "[illegible]"

It is [illegible] [illegible] finished but think it [illegible] [illegible] cannot be done when time and thought are fully occupied with cares.

We sympathize deeply with them in the [illegible] which have come to them so soon after leaving their loved ones, and which have [illegible] [illegible]

The Girls' Training Home.

[illegible] completed the school course last summer and are now teaching for the Mission. They are giving evidence of the efficient training they have had and showing the good results of the love and care which have been [illegible] them in the Home.

There are now eleven of our girls teaching for the Mission. Three are teaching in [illegible], [illegible], and [illegible]. Several are married and have [illegible] homes, [illegible] their parents. The good influence of the [illegible] abroad [illegible] from many distant places and constantly hear reports of the fame of the school.

After the summer vacation nine new girls were received, making [illegible] pupils [illegible], twenty-nine [illegible]

The [illegible] watchful eye and steady hand to guide the teaching and housework. Her interest in each individual [illegible] and she is always anxious that they shall make the most

of their opportunities and be a credit to the Training Home. Their spiritual condition is also on the increase, and the [illegible] seems to all [illegible] increase to [illegible] them to their [illegible] and to [illegible] [illegible] Home. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] growth can be plainly seen and we are very thankful for the blessings that have come into their young lives.

On account of Miss Mason's serious illness for three months last summer, it was necessary for her to have a [illegible] rest and a change had to be made in the teaching force. Lamya Liban was taken into the Training Home, and [illegible] has assisted with the English classes. We are still hoping that a teacher for the English will be sent from America, so that we can devote our time to the many other things requiring constant attention

Recently we have succeeded in perfecting the long planned arrangements for kitchen work, and now Malakia [illegible] is again installed teacher of cooking, with a [illegible] [illegible] having the [illegible], and regular classes of the older girls.

In this country it is extremely difficult to get a good cook who will have the right influence over the girls, and the importance of more training for our girls in this department has long been felt.

The prejudice against educated girls acting as cooks has been very difficult to overcome, but owing to [illegible] Nasr's example and influence while here, in taking upon herself for a time the duties of cook and teacher of cooking, a great change in this respect has been wrought among our girls.

It needed much careful planning to make the necessary arrangements, for with lessons, sewing, [illegible], and all the housework, the days were fully taken up. Having no hired help in the house, and many of the girls being so young and small, considerable time is needed for them to do the work as they learn all the different lines of household duties. Each of the teachers (including those of the day schools in [illegible]) have [illegible] [illegible] their [illegible].

The meetings of the [illegible] have been [illegible], and [illegible] interest has been [illegible] maintained. The girls [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

appointed duties by preparing [illegible] recitations and exercises.

The Christian Endeavor Society continues, the young [illegible] being active, the girls [illegible] more and more opportunity for Christian experience. All the members are [illegible], taking part in the meetings and being active in [illegible].

At the beginning of the year, a Junior Endeavor was organized for the younger girls, who give enthusiastic help in carrying it on. This meeting is conducted [illegible] and heartily, and their committees are ready to do all that they find to do.

May the Lord's blessing rest upon these endeavors, to the upbuilding of His kingdom, and to the establishing of the girls in their Savior.

Day Schools.

During the autumn, the [illegible] with the ends of [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] they had to be [illegible], [illegible].

The teachers strove heavily to their work, and carried out our instructions carefully. They show a living desire to help the children in every way they can, and are ambitious to make their schools successful.

The Scripture lessons [illegible] very good; and their minds are being stored with many precious Bible passages.

The influence on the children is having good effect, and through them reaches the homes and families. About two hundred and fifty have been in attendance in the four schools in Ramallah, and the one in Jiffneh, [illegible] and Ofra.

Medical Work.

Medical work opens many doors for the worker to enter, and gives splendid opportunities to teach better living and cleanliness in a different way to any other line of work.

During the last twelve months, fourteen hundred and forty persons have been given medical treatment. These have come from more than twenty villages around Ramallah, which shows the wideness of the field.

Thirty-five have been sent to the hospital in Jerusalem

where they received the best of care and nursing.

During the fearful epidemic of small-pox, five hundred and fifty people were vaccinated in Ramallah, and over three hundred in other villages, thus helping to arrest the scourge and saving many lives. This makes the total number who have received medical help exceed twenty-three hundred.

Bible Women.

Hannah Nuss was unable to attend to as [illegible] as she was needed at home on account of sickness in the family. While we regretted this, it would have been impossible for her to do much in the village while the small pox was raging, as she would have lived in the Mission, and the danger to the girls would have been too great for her to go among the people. We are hoping to have her back again [illegible].

[illegible] has had the Mothers' Meetings regularly, and they have been well attended. Some of the women have been influenced by her to attend the Bible School too, where they listen attentively and are greatly interested.

The mothers need much sympathy and help, for their lives are hard, and they are so ignorant. And yet they are so ready and glad to listen, and many of them are intelligent and bright. Those who have come under the influence of the Mission, show in many [illegible] that they have been benefited.

Meetings

The meetings for worship have been regularly held; and we thankfully acknowledge our Heavenly Father's blessing upon them. The attendance has been good, so that sometimes it has been necessary for some of the children to sit on a straw mat on the floor.

The room we meet in is on the main street of the village, and we are often disturbed by the noise outside. We hope that the time will come when a larger house in a quieter place will be ours.

The Bible School became so crowded that we thought best to divide it and have separate sessions for the children and the adults. The plan has worked well, for the attendance has increased yet more, better order and teaching can be had, and the interest is greater. It has also given opportunity to let more of [illegible] to work.

The helpers and workers employed by the Mission are Ruth Gabriel, Head Teacher in the Training Home.
Nazha Rodeslie Lamya Dibran and Nazha Malouf, Teachers in the Training Home.
Malakie Gotfan, Teacher of Cooking and Kitchen work.
Afferfie Fanizallah and Saadu Audi, Teachers in Hope School, Ramallah.
Adele Barakat, Teacher in [illegible] School, Ramallah.
[illegible] Tolah, Teacher in [illegible] School, Ramallah.
Julia [illegible], Teacher in [illegible] School, Ramallah.
Jamely Aziz, Teacher in Jiffna School.
Helanie Tolah, Teacher in [illegible] School.
[illegible] Aldo, Teacher in Aphra School.
Emily Audi, Bible Woman.
Nicola Mahhis, Man Servant.

The Mission buildings and grounds have been well looked after. A number of olive and pomegranate trees have been planted in suitable places. Vegetables of various kinds have been raised in the garden, and have helped to supply the Mission family. And barley for the animals has been grown where possible.

Thankfully acknowledging the loving care of our Lord in the past, His protecting arm in danger, His guidance in perplexity, and his strength for each day's work, we look forward with faith and encouragement to the future, and pray that He will enlarge the work of the Mission, making it abound yet more to His glory and the salvation of souls.

Sincerely your friends,
Wilfred and Della D. Rowntree
Signed on behalf of the Committee.
Susan T. Thompson, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.
Received on Foreign Mission work for the year ending [illegible] 31st, 1901.

Donation for Bibles for the Mission	$30.00
Sale of photographs	[illegible]
Sale of flowers and [illegible]	[illegible]

From* Y. P. S. C. E. Union, C. M. Wordman Treasurer	$250.00
Mary A. Maxfield	5.00
Betty B. Garrett	5.00
Interest on deposits in National Bank	16.71
Elizabeth B. and Harry Alger	10.00
Pupils at Friends School	75.00
Children's Band at Framingham by E. H. Johnston	5.00
Martha Greaves	10.00
Ellen Collins, New York	20.00
Samuel Miles	5.00
Ellen M. Jones and Maria P. Maxfield	8.00
Angelina Gidley	1.00
L. M. Chase	.50
Caroline S. Gifford	5.00
Fred Crosman and wife	5.00
G. M. Aldrich	2.00
Maria T. Willis	5.00
[illegible], Nebraska, for Emily [illegible]	69.50
Geo. H. and Robert G. Gifford, New Bedford	5.00
E. McG. Bentz, New York	5.00
J. Warren Hawkes	10.00
[illegible] R. Calton	10.00
Caroline C. [illegible]	50.00
Charles Chase, Worcester	15.00
Junior Band, Belvidere, N. C. by Emma H. White	5.00
Gulielma M. S. P. Jones	5.00
Interest on deposit in Savings Banks	98.42
College Park Friends, California	15.00
Indiana Yearly Meeting F. M. Board	50.00
Etta S. Cates	10.00
Friends Sewing Circle, Maple Grove, Mo.	5.00
George Farley	5.00
Sarah Hussey, Richmond, Ind.	30.00
Mary M. and Sarah C. Evans	40.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Hamilton, Chicago	20.00
William and Susan T. Thompson	20.00
A friend	5.00
Corner Class in Bolton Bible School	7.00
Busy Bee Band, South China, by E. K. Jones	5.00

* [illegible] $700 [illegible] from [illegible]

By Susan H. Meader, Treasurer W.F.M.S.

For fourteen girls in Training Home	$410.00	
For Katie Gabriel's salary	300.00	
For three assistant teachers	190.00	
		$1400.00

By Mary M. Ort, Treasurer W.F.M.S. of New York, for

Lucy Carpenter	$10.00	
Manhattan East Side Mission	15.00	
East Side Mothers Meeting	5.00	
Helen Aldrich	5.00	
New York W.F.M.S. auxiliary	5.00	
		$40.00

For Support of Girls in Training Home.

From Elizabeth S. Fiske	$65.00	
Emma C. Swift	65.00	
Nancy Earle Smith and sister, C. Earle	65.00	
Lucretia G. Chase	65.00	
Mary and Helen H. Seabury	65.00	
Barker Newhall	65.00	
George A. Crosman and wife	65.00	
George L. Crosman and wife	65.00	
Sarah J. Swift	65.00	
		$585.00

For Support of Day Schools.

From Purchase Quarterly Meeting W.F.M.S. for Ophrah School	$150.00	
New York and Brooklyn Christian Endeavor Societies, for West School	150.00	
Forvale W.F.M.S. for Air Creek School	125.00	
Boston Bible School for Boston School	150.00	
Philadelphia F.M. Association of Friends, Haverford Branch, for North School	150.00	
Baltimore Yearly Meeting, F.M. Committee, for Jiffreh School	150.00	
Martha C. Swan and sisters for Hope School	[illegible]	
Jennie Allyn, for Hope School	[illegible]	
[illegible] for Hope School	[illegible]	
		$1[illegible]

From Monthly Meetings

From Boston	$20.35	
Swansea	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	
Salem	[illegible]	
Boston	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	81.57	
[illegible]	46.50	
Westport	10.50	
Dartmouth	7.70	
Rhode Island	6.50	
Winthrop	7.[illegible]	
Smithfield	12.05	
Falmouth	18.85	
Berwick	10.50	
		$332.17

From Bible Schools

From Smiths Neck	$5.00	
Windham	5.00	
West Sidney	5.00	
Woonsocket for Girl in Training Home	65.00	
Lewiston	5.00	
Anthony	5.00	
Allens Neck	5.00	
New Bedford	30.00	
Portland	20.00	
Clintondale, N.Y.	5.00	
Worcester	33.20	
Northbridge	10.00	
Rochester	4.66	
Mice	6.25	
Dover	8.50	
Bolton	9.25	
		$221.86
		$4545.56

Expended

Paid to Wilfrid Cornettie for Mission Expenses	$346.18
Supplies sent to Mission, and other expenses	53.66
Postage	3.18
U.P.S.C.E. Account	126.73
Passage to Pennacook for Elihu Grant & wife	350.00
Elihu and Olney Grant, on Reading	250.00
Elihu Grant for furnishing and supplies for Boys Training Home	437.87
For purchase of land for Mission from Building Fund	600.00
	$5237.62

Recapitulation

Receipts

Total amount received from collections	$4545.56
From Building Fund	600.00
Brought forward from last year	1229.24
	$6374.80

Expended.

Total amount expended for Mission	$5237.62
Deposited in National Bank	1000.00
Balance on hand	137.18
	$6374.80

Total Amount of Permanent Funds.

In New Bedford Five Cent Savings Bank	$2000.00
In Worcester County Institution for Savings	1000.00
In Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank	1000.00
In Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	1000.00
	$5000.00

Sarah J. Swift Treasurer.

27. The report of the Committee on Western Indians has been read, in addition to which the situation of the Indian people and the work being done among them has been presented by those who have been engaged in missionary effort in the Indian country.

The work begun by William Penn has been kept up with greater or less faithfulness during the succeeding years, and success has always been in proportion to the energy and

faith put into the work.

The matter of an appropriation is referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of the Committee on Western Indians.

To the Yearly Meeting:

In reporting the Indian work, we can thankfully say the Lord has blessed it. He has turned one and another from Pagan darkness to His own marvelous light.

The Associated Executive Committee, composed of delegates from the various Yearly Meetings on the continent, held two meetings the past year in Philadelphia. One Committee was represented in these meetings. The reports from the field were full of interest from which we gather the following:

The missionaries and workers in the northeast corner of Indian Territory have held monthly conferences which have proved to be occasions of mutual helpfulness and encouragement.

The Modoc meeting continues about the same in interest. There are only thirty-seven Modocs left at the station out of the one hundred and fifty first brought there. Some have passed to their heavenly home in full triumph of Christian faith, while others have returned to their old home in Oregon. Indians of the other tribes and white persons worship with these Modocs. They have had Philander and Caroline Blackledge with them for nearly two years, whom they appreciate.

Smith Nichols is still in active work. In answer to the question if he still loved his Savior, he replied after a brief silence, "I just the same every day. He keeps me; my wife too." Willie Nichols his son lives at Modoc and attends that meeting. Willie's wife cannot speak English but with a son for an interpreter, showed herself to be a very sweet spiritual woman.

While the Commoters have made much trouble among the attenders of Modoc Meeting, the faith of Willie Nichols' family has remained unshaken.

At Ottawa there is an opening among the Indians living in the river bottom that has been well nigh closed for the past two years, ever since the death of Susan Wolf and Mary Sarbach, who were two sternest

Christians and members of the Society of Friends. The chief's wife died recently, and he invited William L. George to conduct the funeral service. The meeting was very large. Two years ago the chief was very much against Friends, but the kindness of our missionaries during his wife's sickness won the confidence of him and many others.

A new roof has been put on the dwelling house and a kitchen added. Also four acres of land has been put in cultivation. There are many encouraging features of this mission. These Indians have progressed as well in civilized ways and in Christianity, it is desired by the Committee that Kansas Yearly Meeting should take charge of them. The Modocs it is hoped will soon warrant the same change.

The government school at Wyandotte is now well officered. The Superintendent and Agent is a man of ability and good-will towards our work. He favors everything that will elevate the Indians. Since the Quapaw and Wyandotte schools are combined, almost all the real religious influence rests upon Friends, and it is thought by our Superintendents George and Ella Bartley one of the most important stations in the whole field there being upwards of one hundred and fifty children in attendance of school.

J. A. Griffeth of North Carolina Yearly Meeting is employed to take charge of Kickapoo Mission as Superintendent and Minister of the Institution, and to assist in the teaching and in the care of the meeting and other religious work.

The school has continued under the management of Eva Watson, and its reputation for efficiency has been well maintained.

The small-pox is still being felt in some places, both in Indian and Oklahoma Territories. Thomas Alford is just getting up from it. Our work has been somewhat hindered by this dreadful disease. However, the prevailing epidemic that has characterized the year has not been the most perplexing element in the Indian problem. It is the bad white man, whether Government official or one actuated by the cunning of such a person. He provides the Indians with whiskey, or breaches upon his reservation

invades the sanctity of his home and treats him with such contempt, that he is thus prepared to avenge his wrong or flee from the encroachments of white men. It was thus with big Jim the chief of the band of Indians at the Maine State Mission. In the early autumn he went to Mexico by the advice and influence of a special Government agent who was more anxious to get the Indians land than to help him to cultivate and hold it. Here he contracted the small-pox and with six others died. The aspect of the Mission seemed dark for a while but through the never-tiring devotion of our Missionaries and the persistent way of Robert Sloat many encouraging features became apparent.

During the last four or five years some of the Indians were prevailed upon to let their children go to school. During one of the rounds of family visiting, John W. Mardoc found several young Indians collected together in one house examining some New Testaments which had been sent them. He asked them to read the tenth chapter of Second Corinthians and then called their attention to the fourteenth verse, and asked what the Gospel was. One replied "It is power that keeps you from being hurt and helps you to do right." William Sloat, a brother of Robert, was one of the young men educated at Chilloco School. There he learned the carpenter's trade, and this last winter has built several houses for the Indians and is now head carpenter in building a meeting-house for Big Jim's Band.

The Women's Maine Indian Association contributed two hundred dollars toward this building. There were 1,383 regular meetings held last year. In addition to these, nine series of meetings of from one to two weeks duration have been held. Sixty conversions have been reported and twenty-two have been received into membership.

The report from Hillside School shows an increase in the average attendance the past year. Day schools have also been held under the care of the missionaries at Seneca, Modoc Iowa and Ottawa Stations. The total enrollment is 285. Ten Bible Schools have been in operation under missionary care the past year besides four union schools largely

sustained by Friends. Fifteen Indian teachers and officers are employed in these schools and $117.65 raised in penny contributions.

At Shawnee Mission a mid-week Bible normal drill has been conducted by the missionaries, and written examinations given some of the Indian children have shown a commendable progress in this line of work.

In closing our report we wish to emphasize the fact that there are no more worthy or dependent heathen than our own native Americans, for whom we plead for aid to continue the good work carried on among them.

The amount to be raised by the different Yearly Meetings for the use of the Associated Executive Committee is $7,000. We recommend that $525. be appropriated as our quota of that sum.

For the Committee,

Myra E. Frye, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report for Committee on Western Indians

Balance from last year					$71.18
Received from	Swansea	Monthly	Meeting	Treasurer	24.70
"	Bolton	"	"	"	2.10
"	Salem	"	"	"	22.00
"	Providence	"	"	"	43.50
"	Sandwich	"	"	"	5.50
"	Westport	"	"	"	20.00
"	Uxbridge	"	"	"	65.00
"	Berwick	"	"	"	5.00
"	Amesbury	"	"	"	1.50
"	Boston	"	"	"	8.14
"	Rhode Island	"	"	"	5.31
"	Vassalboro	"	"	"	3.00
"	Falmouth	"	"	"	22.25
"	Dartmouth	"	"	"	10.90
"	Smithfield	"	"	"	5.55
"	Winthrop	"	"	"	6.93
"	Weare	"	"	"	2.00
					$314.61
Received from Portland Bible School					10.00
" " Genesee " "					[illegible]

Received from Worcester Bible School	$5.00	
" " Winthrop Center Bible School	2.00	
" " Elizabeth M. Hawkes	1.00	
" " A. Chalkley Collins	10.00	
		$36.00
Total		$350.61

Paid Jona. M. Steere, Treasurer, Salary of Missionary in Indian Territory to Sixth Month 1st, 1901	$252.00	
appropriated for use of Associated Executive Comee	75.00	
		327.00
Balance on hand		23.61

Samuel Buffum, Treasurer.

Portland, Sixth Month 14th, 1901.

28. We hereby direct the Trustees of the Church Extension Board to pay the money now held by them to the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee and said Trustees are hereby released.

29. Adjourned to ten o'clock Second-day morning.

30. Second-day morning the 17th, met at the hour of adjournment.

31. Charles A. Chace having resigned as a member of the Providence Boarding School Committee, his resignation is accepted and the matter of filling the vacancy is left to the discretion of the Nominating Committee.

32. The Bible School Committee has presented its report. In the consideration of this subject we have been impressed with the greatness of the field, and the vast importance of embracing every opportunity of forming the young mind of training the church of the future.

Report of Bible School Superintendent.

Reports from Quarterly Meeting Superintendents

Rhode Island - Correspondence has been had with all of

the Schools and several visited. The interest has been strong and encouraging. One Conference has been held, which was attended by a good number of the teachers and was very profitable.

Salem — The nine Bible Schools in our Quarterly Meeting have been carried on with good earnestness. One summer school was conducted at Clinton Grove, N.H. Two conferences of a very helpful character were held, where special subjects were treated by experienced workers.

Sandwich. — We are obliged to report the discontinuance of one School, the Wayside Mission, at Central Village, Mass. There has been a good degree of success with all our other schools, with an increase in the average attendance in nearly all of them. Two Conferences have been held with interesting addresses on practical lines

Falmouth — Six schools have been visited, in some of which a marked gain has been made during the year. One Conference has been held at South Durham, at the time of the Quarterly Meeting there. It was largely attended and the exercises very generally contributed to in a very interesting and instructive manner by the members of the several schools. A very interesting Home Department is carried on at Brunswick by John Gatchell, which is not connected with any school. Friends assist in a school at North Brunswick.

Smithfield. — Two Conferences have been held, one at Woonsocket and one at Worcester, and a good interest is maintained in all of our work.

Vassalboro — Encouraging reports come from all of our Bible Schools. We especially note the new school at East Benton. Besides the six schools reported, one of our Friends leads in a union school at Weeks Mills. One successful Conference was held.

Fairfield — A new Bible School has been established at East St. Albans. At Belgrade an interesting and flourishing school is conducted largely through the instrumentality of Friends and a new work at Readfield begun. No conferences have been held.

Parsonsfield — The two schools in our Quarterly

Meeting have continued their work through the year and have done the best possible in our field.

A copy of Robert Speer's little book "The Praise Christ Jesus" has been placed in the hands of each of the Superintendents. Copies of an outline study in the life of Christ have been supplied to the schools and the subject further presented in one of the conferences in different Quarterly Meetings.

From the accompanying statistical report of our Secretary, we find the total enrollment in our Bible Schools to be 3,226 with an average attendance of 1,576 with 291 teachers engaged in the work.

The greatest need expressed has been that of consecrated, devoted teachers, for which there is an unlimited demand.

Thomas Ward, Superintendent.

Portland, Sixth Month 17th, 1901.

Report of Treasurer of Bible School Committee.

Receipts.

From former Treasurer	$52.83
Collection at Newport	5.00
Salem Monthly Meeting	10.00
Bolton Monthly Meeting	1.20
Westport Monthly Meeting	6.00
Attleboro Monthly Meeting	5.00
Providence Monthly Meeting	9.00
Swansea Monthly Meeting	4.15
Boston Monthly Meeting	4.20
Rochester Monthly Meeting	1.00
Vassalboro Monthly Meeting	5.00
Rhode Island Monthly Meeting	2.60
Falmouth Monthly Meeting	3.00
Smithfield Monthly Meeting	1.20
	$110.18

Expenditures

Bibles for Salem Bible School	3.00
Expense of Conference at China	5.00
Programs for the class	1.50
Supplies for school at Belgrade, Maine	1.50

Supplies for Schm at Clinton Grove, N.Y.	1.87	
Thomas Ward, Bible School Superintendent, postage and express	6.04	
Thomas Ward, Bible School Superintendent, expenses of Conferences	10.69	
		$34.35
Balance in treasury		$76.85

John H. Meeker, Treasurer

Sixth Monthly 13th, 1901.

Home Department.

Quarterly Meeting	Monthly Meeting	Location	Name of Superintendent.	Number of Members	Number of Visitors	
Salem	Salem	Lynn, Mass	Mary S. Paige	16	4	Secretary Florence M. Harmon 350 Chatham Street
Salem	Salem	Salem	Ellen C. Jones	15		
Salem	Salem	East Lynn	Alice B. Smith			
Salem	Amesbury	Amesbury	H. Elizabeth Jones	20		
Salem	Amesbury	South Pittsfield N.H.	F. A. Dow	3	1	
Sandwich	Westport	Central Village Mass.	Hannah S. Macomber	4		
Sandwich	New Bedford	New Bedford	Susan T. Thompson	16		
Falmouth	Windham	Windham, Me.	Ellen Webb	20		
Falmouth	Durham	South Durham, Me.	Sadie C. Borke	6		
Smithfield	Smithfield	Woonsocket, R. I.	Emeline Tuttle	10	3	
Vassalboro	Vassalboro	East Vassalboro	Emily S. Weeks	10	2	
Vassalboro	China	South China	Elizabeth K. Jones	52		number of calls - 80. Amount of collections $6.00
Vassalboro	China	Lake View, China	George C. Roberts	38	3	
Fairfield	Winthrop	Augusta, Me.	L. J. Fair	6		
Fairfield	Winthrop	West Gardiner, Me.		9		
Fairfield	Winthrop	Manchester, Me.	Elizabeth Hawkes	11		
Fairfield	Sidney	Sidney	Gertrude Weeks	29		
Fairfield	Winthrop	Winthrop Ctr.	Mary W. Jones	28		

Bible School Statistical Report.

Quarterly Meeting	Location of School	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting	Number of School	Membership of School	Average Attendance	No. of Classes.	No. of Friends	Are Teachers Meetings held?	Volumes in Library.	Bibles added during the year.	Lesson Helps used.	Kinds of Papers used.	Temperance Lessons.	Peace Lessons.	Is Children's Day observed?	Amount of Collection.	Amount given for Ministerial Purposes.	Amount Expended in Missions.
Rhode Island	Anthony	James Renfew, Saylesville, R. I.	Greenwich	12	38	29	3	19	- - - -	112	- - -	A. G.		- - -	- -	No	$38.16	11.00	
	Providence	Hillis H. White, 287 Highland Avenue	Providence	10	43	31	3	31	- - - -	- - - -	- - -	- - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- -	60.90	48.27	
	Warwick	Ellen J. Lockwood, Warwick Neck, R. I.	Greenwich	12	21	14	2	5	No	90	40	A.	4	1	- -	No	6.80	-	
	So. Somerset	G. Mahlon Chace, Fall River, Mass	Swansea	12	128	63	10	- - -	Yes	378	- - -	- - - -	- - -	-	- -	Yes	63.01	3.17	
	Fruitvale	Nancie H. Chace, Segreganett	Swansea	12	15	11	3	9	- -	150	- - -	D.	- -	- -		- -	9.09	- -	
	Fall River	Herbert A. Skinner, 481 Durfee Street	Swansea	12	85	48	10	37	Yes	310	- -	B. G. G. I.	- -	4	- -	Yes	-	-	
	Oakham	Mark H. Pearson, 146 Linden Street	Swansea	10½	36	25	5	6	- - - -	60	- - -	B.	- - -	- - -	- - -	Yes	35.04	1.00	
	Portsmouth	Delia Rice, Portsmouth, R. I.	Rhode Island	12	87	48	6	59	Yes	300	- - -	B. D	- - -	- -	- - -	- -	34.00	7.00	
	Saylesville	Thomas Y. Jackson, Lime Rock, R. I.	Providence	5	26	18	2	16	- - -	- - -	- -	A	- - -	1	1	- -	3.72	- - -	
	Newport	- -	- - - - - - - - -	12	60	40	6	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - -	- - -	- -	- - -	- - -	- -	44	- -	
Salem	Salem	W. Carleton Jones, Box 239 Salem.	Salem	12	29	22	4	20	No	115	- - -	A	- - -	-		Yes	28.00	1.85	15
	Lynn	Geo. L. Farley, 348 Essex Street, Lynn, Mass	Salem	12	104	63	9	54	Yes	- - -	- - -	D	- - -	1	- -	Yes	76.35	25.89	16
	East Lynn	Norman E. MacLean, 14 Marianna St. Lynn	Salem	12	147	95	17	34	Yes	- - -	- - -	- -	- - -	- - -		Yes	80.93	- -	
	Amesbury	Daniel C. Mayfield, Amesbury Mass	Amesbury	12	47	25	5	39	No	300	- -	A. E	- - -	3	- -	Yes	36.13	12.72	20
	So. Pittsfield	Albert N. Peasley, Pittsfield, N. H.	Amesbury	12	53	24	6	18	No	185	- - -	W. J.	-	-	- -	No	25.91	6.00	3
	North Weare	Alfred Osborne, North Weare N. H.	Weare	12	27	13	3	- -	- - -	530	- -	D. A.	-	- -		- -	14.74	6.73	- - -
	Henniker	Dana E. Huntington, Henniker, N. H.	Weare	12	20	11	3	12	- - -	150	-	A. G.	-	4	4	No	13.17	5.38	- - -
	Boston	John H. Meader, 3 Sunderland St.	Boston	9	51	35	5	25	Yes	300		B. D. E		- -	- -	Yes	160.17	262.59	
	Lawrence	Stephen Smith, Lyons Village, Haverhill.	Lawrence	12	149	88	8	82	Yes	250	-	A.	-	2	2	No	149.10	8.00	
Dartmouth	Smiths Neck	Elbridge L. Tanner, So. Dartmouth, Mass	Dartmouth	12	43	25	6	10	No	- - -	-	D	-	4	4	No	Not known	5.00	
	Long Plain	Richard Davis, Long Plain, Mass	New Bedford	6	25	17	3	15	No	435	- - -	A	-	-		- -	- - -	15.00	-
	Allens Neck	L. Lillian Akin, So. Westport, Mass	Dartmouth	12	95	44	9	23	Yes	- -	-	G.	-	- -	-	No	41.78	7.10	
	Central Village	Edward L. Macomber, Central Village, Mass.	Westport	12	61	28	4	31	- -	- - -	- -	- - -	- -	-		Yes	18.60	-	14
	New Bedford	Frederick Tabor, New Bedford, Mass.	New Bedford	10	98	65	6	64	No	400	- -	D	-	8		No	70.00	35.00	16
	Mattapoisett	Helena L. Macomber, East Mattapoisett Mass.	New Bedford	12	20	15	2	6	Yes	580	30	A	- -	12	12	No	8.60		
	Acushnet	Adelaide F. Wilbur, Acushnet, Mass	New Bedford	12	21	19	2	6	No	280	-	A.	- -	4		- -	6.00	6.00	
	Fairhaven	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		- - -			-	- -	- - -	- - -	- -	- -	-	- -		- -			
	N. Falmouth			12	11	11	1		- - -	- - -	- -	A	-		-				-

Bible School Statistical Report – Continued.

Quarterly Meeting	Location of School	Local Superintendent's Name and Address.	Monthly Meeting	Months of School	Membership of School	Average Attendance	No. of Officers	No. of Friends	No. Teachers Meetings held?	Volumes in Library.	Books needed during the year.	Lesson Helps used	Kind of Papers used	Temperance lessons	Peace lessons	Is Children's Day observed?	Amount of Contributions	Amount given for Missionary Purposes.	Home Department Members.
Falmouth	Deering	A. H. Jones, 13 Richardson Street, Portland, Me.	Falmouth	12	25	11	3	21	- - - -	215	- -	D	- -	- -	- -	No	- -	-	
	Portland	S. M. Douglas, Portland, Maine	Falmouth	12	154	90	11	nearly all	- - -	431	- -	A	- -	- -	- -	No	144.83	92.00	
	East Durham	Mahlon D. Goddard, Lisbon Falls, Me.	Durham	9	48	24	8	7	No	75	1	D	- -	- -	- -	No	8.72	2.83	
	South Durham	Geo. H. Cox, South Durham, Me.	Durham	12	82	34	7	57	No	-			- -	-	- -	Yes	36.26	9.45	6
	Windham	Miriam Cartland, Windham Lots, Me.	Windham	12	55	30	4	38	- -	300	-	A	- -	- -	- -	Yes	12.35	5.00	20
	Belgrade	John C. Taylor, Belgrade, Me.		4 3/4	50	32	5	4	No	50	- -	K.	- -	- -	- -	- -	11.90	-	- -
	Casco	S. Alfred Hall, Casco, Maine		12	16	10	2	2	No	80	- -	- - -	- -	- -	- -	- -	12.92	9.24	- -
	Brunswick	Silas Hatchell, Brunswick, Me.		- -	-	- -	- -	- -	- - -	- - -	- -	- - -	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	-	-
	Lewiston	Roger Nichols, Lewiston, Me.		12	73	49	7	37	No	512	- -	A	- -	2	- -	Yes	46.49	10.00	
Smithfield	Nonesuch	Leander Fisher, Nonesuch, R. I.	Smithfield	12	146	62	10	- - -	No	489	- - -	- -	- -	- -	- -	Yes	118.48	43.72	10
	Worcester	Geo. N. Phillips, 31 Lancaster St. Worcester.	Uxbridge	12	45	32	5	37	No	396	- -	A	- -	- -	- -	No	70.16	46.86	-
	Northbridge	D. P. Arthur, Uxbridge, Mass	Uxbridge	12	35	18	3	3	No.	265	- -	A	- -	- -	- -	- -	26.58	23.37	-
	Bolton	Jesse W. Babcock, Bolton Mass		12	60	40	6	38	- - - -	- - - -	- -	A	- -	- -	- -	Yes	- - - -	- -	-
Vassalboro	East Benton	J. L. Buzzell, East Benton	Vassalboro	12	53	32	4	24	No	170	- -	K		-	- -	No	14.82	- - -	- -
	Lake View	Geo. E. Roberts, China Me	China	9	38	21	4	- -	- -	105	- -	B. D.	- -	-	- -	- -	8.81	- -	38
	South China	I. Lincoln Jones, Palermo, Me.	China	12	70	39	6	50	- - -	- - - -	- -	A. G.	- -	4	- -	- -	27.54	5.85	52
	E. Vassalboro	Annie M. Prince, E. Vassalboro, Me	Vassalboro	12	29	22	4	18	- - -	- - - -	- -	B.	- -	4	- -	Yes	9.52	4.76	10
	Unity	Geo. F. Munch, Unity, Me.	Unity	12	30	21	4	20	- - - -	- - - -	- -	G.	-	- -	- -	- -	5.67	- - -	-
	Maple Grove	- - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -	- -	18	18	3	- -	- - - -	- - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- - -	- - -
	Lake View	- - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -	- -	40	40	6	- -	- -	- - - -	- -	- - -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- - -	- -
Dover	Dover	Emma F. Jones, Rural Del. No. 3. Dover, N. H.	Dover	12	19	8	2	14	No	- - - -	- -	A	- -	- -	- -	- -	14.49	8.50	- -
	Rochester	Orin Varney, Merrill, N. H.	Dover	12	51	40	5	17	No.	375	- -	- - -	- -	- -	- -	Yes	- - - -	- - -	- -
	Genie	Annie E. Moulton, Genie, N. H.	Dover	12	48	28	4	28	No	300	- -	A	- -	4	-	No	60.26	35.86	- -
	North Berwick	Samuel Buffum, N. Berwick	Dover	- - -	10	10	1	- - -	- - - -	- - - -	- -	A	- - -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	-
Winthrop	Winthrop Vil.	Irving Bailey, Winthrop, Maine	- - - - - - - -	12	45	32	- - -	- - -	- - - -	- - - -	- -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	30.00		
	Winthrop Lots	Elwood A. Bailey, Winthrop, Maine	Winthrop	12	115	75	11	76	Yes	462	- -	A. G. E	- -	4	- -	Yes	185.33	50.85	28
	N. Gardiner	Martha B. Osborne.	Winthrop	12	49	19	3	12	- - -	unknown	- -	G.	- -	3	- - -	No	10.43	- -	9
	Manchester	Alfred N. Hawkes, Manchester, Me.	Winthrop	12	44	26	4	30	- - - -	127	- -	N	- - -	- - -	- - -	No	18.34	10.85	11

Fair	Augusta	Willis Hawes, Augusta. Me	Winthrop	12	63	23	4	9	- - -	- - -	- -	B. G.	- - -	- -	- -	No	17.63	-	6
	N. Fairfield	Edwin Bates, Oakland. Me.	Sidney	12	37	10	4	18	- - -	150	- - -	B	- -	- -	- -	- -	4.60	- -	- -
	Sidney	Geo. H. Weeks, Sidney Center. Me.	Sidney	12	23	11	3	12	- - -	343	- - -	A	- -	- -	- -	- -	4.39	7.00	29
	St. Albans	W. S. Harding, St. Albans. Me.	- - - - - -	- -	25	20	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
	E. St. Albans	Lindley H. Magoon, East St. Albans. Me	- - - - - -	- -	40	30	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -
Parsonsfield	East Parsonsfield	Silas H. Cartland, E. Parsonsfield. Me.	Parsonsfield	12	28	17	3	28	- - -	280	4	A	- - -	- - -	- - -	-	11.10	3.60	-
	No. Sandwich	Ira B. Tilton, Wonalancet. N. H.	Sandwich	12	30	20	5	29	No	- - -	- - -	A. G.	- - -	- - -	- - -	No.	10.03	3.00	- -

Key to Lesson Helps — A. Friends Publication, B. W. A. Wilde and Co. C. Sunday School Journals (Oakes & Maine)
D. Pelouhets, E. Mrs. Kennedy's F. Berean. G. David Cook H. Pilgrim I. Bible Students' Magazine
J. International Evangel. K. American Sunday School Union.

33. We have received at this time a very warm and cordial greeting from the Congregational Church of the State of Maine through their delegate John R. Boardman. The blessedness of the interdenominational fellowship has been greatly prized, and we trust it may develop and increase in the coming years.

34. The report of the Finance Committee has been read and is as follows. It is greatly to be desired that we consider carefully our duty as loyal members, in the matter of contributing to Church work in the manner prescribed by the Yearly Meeting. Special attention of Monthly Meetings is called to this report.

Report of the Finance Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The hoped for increase in the contributions of the Monthly Meetings does not appear in our report for this year, the amount received being about $16.00 less than last year. This deficiency seems to be largely in the Gospel Work and Foreign Missions, the other committees, except that on Peace, having slightly gained in their receipts. Four Monthly Meetings, Providence, Boston, Westport and Uxbridge have exceeded the amount asked for, and one of these has paid more than the quota of the Quarterly Meeting to which it belongs. Lawrence, New Bedford, Durham, Windham, Lewiston, China, Unity, Maple Grove, Dover, Sidney, St. Albans, Parsonsfield, Sandwich, N.H. have sent no contributions.

If our Monthly Meetings could only realize the needs of the work as brought before the Yearly Meeting, and also how fast small sum amount up when contributed regularly, as is the case when the envelope system is faithfully carried out, it seems as if there could not be this deficiency. Ten cents a month is $1.20 a year and it seems as if very few could not give such an amount. But if this had been done, the $3.000 asked for by the Yearly Meeting could easily have been raised. If the meetings which are frequently reported as non-contributors would once try this plan, they would be surprised at the result. It is their systematic management which brings a few Monthly Meetings out so far ahead of the rest.

Contributions from the several Monthly Meetings towards the Benevolent Work carried on by the Yearly Meeting.

Monthly Meetings	Gospel Work	Foreign Missions	Western Indians	Freedmen	Bible School Work	Suppression of Liquor Traffic	Education	Peace	Totals	Amounts Called for
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting										
Rhode Island	$9.41	6.00	5.31	1.00	2.60	8.58	1.00	5.39	39.29	$233.62
Greenwich		9.50							9.50	60.08
Providence	22.50	45.00	43.50	50.50	9.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	205.50	186.90
Swansea	38.70	61.70	24.70	7.74	2.65	3.87	2.65	3.87	145.88	186.90
Salem Quarterly Meeting										
Salem	27.00	18.85	22.00	11.00	10.00	8.00	2.70	6.00	105.55	$294.15
Amesbury	4.00	6.00	1.50	1.75	1.00				14.25	111.00
Weare	2.50		2.00	2.50	-			2.00	9.00	55.50
Boston	20.35	20.35	8.14	4.07	4.20	2.13	2.03	2.13	63.40	55.50
Lawrence										38.85
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting										
Sandwich Mass.	10.00	23.00	5.50	27.00		8.00			73.50	91.12
Dartmouth	13.70	7.70	10.95	4.00		2.00		1.50	39.85	60.75
Westport	30.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	6.00	10.00	4.00	6.00	96.00	36.45
New Bedford										419.18
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting										
Falmouth	5.05	18.85	22.25	6.30	3.00	3.20	3.25		61.90	115.50
Durham										65.63
Windham										55.12
Lewiston										26.25
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting										
Smithfield	4.80	12.55	5.55	1.25	1.20	4.70		1.00	31.05	82.50
Uxbridge	50.00	81.57	55.00	30.00	5.00	4.00	6.00	5.00	236.57	84.37
Bolton	2.65	3.20	2.10	1.60	1.20	1.00	1.20		13.05	20.63
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting										
Vassalboro			3.00		5.00	3.00			11.00	82.50
China										57.75
Unity										24.75
Maple Grove										

Monthly Meetings	Gospel Work	Foreign Missions	Western Indians	Freedmen	Bible School Work	Suppression of Liquor Traffic	Education	Peace	Totals	Amounts called for.
Dover Quarterly Meeting										
Dover										72.00
Berwick		10.00	5.00					5.00	20.00	48.00
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting										
Sidney										75.00
Winthrop	32.65	7.40	6.93	11.42		7.77		4.16	70.33	281.25
St. Albans										18.75
Raymond Quarterly Meeting										
Raymond										40.00
Sandwich N.H.										20.00
Totals	$273.31	341.67	243.43	170.13	50.85	77.35	34.83	54.05	$1245.62	3,000.00
Last year									1261.53	

For the Finance Committee,

D. P. Atherton, Financial Secretary.

Portland, Sixth Month 17th, 1901.

35. Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon

36. Met at the time of adjournment.

37. We appoint David C. Mayfield, Olney T. Meader, D. Whedon Swift, Charles H. Jones, Phebe S. Aydelotte, Susan H. Meader to devise a method of procedure in the matter of Trustees for holding property, etc., in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Discipline.

38. The report of the Freedmen's Committee has been read and supplemented by a verbal account of Maryville Institute, its conditions, its prospects and its manner of work, given by the Principal, Lettie H. Farmer. In view of the pressing needs of the Institute, it is concluded to recommend to the Finance Committee that in addition to the usual appropriation of $500, another five hundred be devoted to repairs, if upon investigation by the Committee it is found advisable.

Report of the Committee on Freedmen.

The past year's work at Maryville has been conducted

under the same management as that of several years previous and the Principal E. H. Crane, in her monthly reports, reports a slight increase of enrollment and average attendance over the preceding year.

The Spring Term just passed was closed a month earlier than usual on account of a few cases of smallpox among the student boarders. We are thankful that no mortality resulted from the disease, and the quarantine of the School was in accordance with the regulations of the city Health Department of Maryville.

As may did not open for a visit to the Institute by any member of the Committee, we are thankful for the assistance rendered us by the observations and suggestions of George S. Dickerman of New Haven, Conn. the agent of the Lake Mohonk Conference for Education in the South, who visited the School in the Autumn Term, 1900.

Your Committee have under consideration the more complete establishment of a manual training department in addition to the important work of the School, which is and has been to send out each year a few Christian young men and women, qualified to teach and lead in promoting the moral and religious life of the children and grandchildren of our Freedmen neighbors

On behalf of the Committee.

Robert P. Gifford, Secretary.

Annual Report of the Freedmen's Normal Institute

Maryville, Tenn.

Number of days taught	170
Number enrolled	222
Per cent. of attendance	83 2/3
Number of boarders in buildings	69
Number of teachers in training class	78
Number graduating in teachers Elementary Course	4

In presenting this annual report, we remember with grateful hearts the loving presence of our Heavenly Father through the unusually trying circumstances that have beset our way during the past year, and we are made to realize more fully the preciousness of the promise, "I will be with him in trouble .... and show him my salvation."

Respectfully submitted
L. H. Garner, Principal

Fifth Month 24th, 1901.

Financial Statement of Freedmen's Committee.

Receipts

Yearly Meeting Appropriation	$500.00
Offerings from Monthly Meetings	170.13
Henry Camp Fund Income	60.00
Portland Bible School	10.00
Other Donations	50.00
From B. F. Kimber Fund	200.00
From George Sturge Fund	1500.00
	$2490.13

Expenditures

Paid to aid students on George Sturge Fund	$1,500.00
Paid L. H. Garner, Principal, on service account	857.44
	2357.44
Balance to new account	$132.69

Robert P. Gifford, Treasurer.

39. Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning

40. Third day morning, met at the hour of adjournment

41. The report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, Henry Camp and Benjamin F. Kimber Funds is satisfactory, and is as follows:

Report of the Trustees of the George Sturge, Benjamin F. Kimber and Henry Camp Funds.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England:

Financial Statement of George Sturge Trust.

Balance from last year	$290.33
Coupons paid Seventh Month 1st 1900	727.50
Coupons paid ~~First Month~~ 1st, 1901	727.50
Interest on deposit to Fifth Month 1st, 1901	19.43
	$1,764.76

Expenditures

Assisting students at Maryville, Tenn. during the school year	$1,500.00
Expenses of Safe Deposit, Second Month 6th	10.00
Balance to new account, Sixth Month 8th, 1901	254.76
	$1,764.76

Benjamin F. Kimber Fund.

Report last year of balance	$870.79
Interest to Third Month, 1901	9.38
Second Dividend of North American Trust Co.	354.76
	$1234.93

Expenditures

Paid to Committee on Freedmen 6th Mo. 16th, 1900	$200.00
Balance to new account, 6th Mo. 5th, 1901	1034.93
	$1234.93

Henry Camp Fund.

Interest on mortgage for one year for $1,000.00	$60.00	$60.00

Expenditures

Paid to Committee on Freedmen, Ninth Month 4th 1900	30.00
Paid to Committee on Freedmen Fourth Month 2d 1901.	30.00
	$60.00

On behalf of the Committee

Augustine Jones

J. H. Chace.

42. The records of the Executive Meeting were read at our last session, and its doings approved. Sundry provisions made by a committee of that meeting of additions and interpolations in the Uniform Discipline, having been carefully considered, it is the judgment of this meeting that the necessity for them does not exist. The same committee presented certain forms for the convenience and guidance of clerks and individuals, a portion of which were approved and it is directed that when an edition of the Uniform Discipline shall be issued these forms shall be printed as an appendix and that they may be used in the several cases to which they apply, if desired.

43. It is the conclusion of this meeting that the Uniform Discipline, revised and adopted at our yearly Meeting in 1900, shall become operative from this date, and we hereby direct that our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings upon official information hereof shall conform in all respects to the provisions of said Uniform Discipline and that all changes required for such conformity, in

made as early as circumstances will allow.

The Permanent Board is requested to procure the printing of a suitable number of copies of the Uniform Discipline and to provide clerks of Quarterly and Monthly Meetings with copies.

44. The question of membership under the Uniform Discipline having arisen, we hereby adopt as our construction of said discipline the following: All children born after this date shall be regarded as Associate Members and all others are on the basis of Active Membership as heretofore.

45. The Committee appointed at our last session in regard to Trustees report as follows, which is approved:

The Committee appointed to propose a plan of procedure in regard to our Real Estate and invested Funds recommend that the Yearly Meeting reappoint its present Boards of Trustees to hold their positions until a plan has been perfected that shall conform to the Uniform Discipline

And that the whole subject be referred to the Permanent Board with power to act.

David C. Maxfield, for the Committee.

Portland, Sixth Month 18th, 1901.

46. The Meeting entered upon the consideration of the state of Society by reading the Queries, with answers summarized from those sent up by our Quarterly Meetings.

Faithfulness in the attendance upon our meetings was pressed upon our attention, and the meekly testimony of many of our aged Friends in this matter of faithfulness in the attendance of meetings under most unfavorable circumstances has had an influence not confined to their own denomination, but which has left its impress upon the whole community. Especial attention has been called to the attendance of our week day meetings. Making all possible allowance for present business conditions, we are persuaded that such excuse falls far short of covering all absences from these meetings. It is impossible to estimate the value of this weekly withdrawal from the business cares of life for an hour of worship and communion with our Lord, as a factor in the deepening of spiritual life and as a preparation for service.

God expects every man to do his duty; to measure up to the requirements of Christian living in all departments of life, and if hereafter we may not send up written answers to the queries, which from year to year probe deeper and deeper into the individual heart and life the queries will still be asked, and each heart is to answer to itself in the searching light of God's truth.

Have we proved ourselves reliable, dependable? We bear willing testimony to the great and blessed fact that we can safely rely upon our God, that we can surely depend upon His promises. Can He rely upon us to do His bidding? Can He depend upon us to follow in His steps? In the plain simple teaching of the New Testament we have a safe guide, and the exhortation has been to take the New Testament for our text and to live our sermon.

Such living leads to uprightness and rigid honesty in all business relations and to simplicity in living. Our life is a progressive series, the heart life, the home life, the church life. The reading of the Scripture in the home, not as a formal service, but with a heart entering into the spirit and blessedness of it, the wise and appropriate selection of portions adapted to the children and read in a manner that shall make an impression upon the young heart for life, is an invaluable service. Nor need the Scripture reading and teaching be confined to the time of morning worship. The mothers may find opportunities by the way of fastening the great truths of the Bible upon the children's minds.

The watchword was left us, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." II. Chron 16:9

Summary of Answers to Queries.

I. All our meetings have been regularly held except three sessions of our Quarterly Meeting in Second Month, and thirty-five other meetings omitted on account of inclement weather or the impassable condition of the roads. Those on First-day have been well attended, but mid-week meetings and meetings for business are generally small. The hour is nearly observed.

II. Love and unity are maintained and detraction guarded against with some exceptions. Care has been taken to end differences but not always as speedily as would have been best.

III. Most Friends are concerned to maintain a religious life and conversation and by example and precept endeavor to train those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

IV. Most Friends read the Holy Scriptures individually as well as collectively in their families, and encourage their children and others under their care in the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry is maintained with little exception.

V. Twenty of our members are reported as addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and some care is being taken. No cases are reported from four Quarterly Meetings. A few exceptions in regard to amusements and diversions. Moderation is generally observed.

VI. With exceptions from two Quarterly Meetings, Friends are careful to observe the several parts of this query.

VII. Not quite clear in military matters and rather lenient in regard to the public revenue.

VIII. With few exceptions, Friends are careful to observe the several parts of this query.

IX. Not quite clear as to records. Several Quarterly Meetings report removals without certificates.

X. The Discipline is generally administered in Christian tenderness and impartially but not always as timely as would be best.

47. The report of the Auditors, including the report of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, was read and all is satisfactory to the meeting. We do therefore confirm and appoint:

For Treasurer of this Meeting, Joseph D. Ward.

For Treasurer of Providence Boarding School Funds, James H. Lehacre.

For Treasurer of Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute, Joseph E. Briggs.

Report of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting
for year ending Sixth Month, 1901.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$566.07
Dover Quarterly Meeting, for its quota of expense apportioned Sixth Month, 1900	88.00
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting	275.00

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting		$192.50
Farmington Quarterly Meeting		74.00
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting		487.00
Salem Quarterly Meeting		407.00
Sandwich Quarterly Meeting		440.00
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting		137.00
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting		121.00
Borrowed		1000.00
Interest on deposits		9.10
Sale of Uniform Disciplines		17.00
Sale of Reports of Quinquennial Conference		4.35
Estate of Julia Ann Boyce:		
For Western Indians	$1000.00	
For Freedmen's Normal Institute, Maryville, Tenn.	1000.00	
For Mission at Ramallah	1000.00	
Interest, $30 on each	90.00	
		3090.00
Interest on Boyce Funds to 4th Nov. 1901		45.00
Estate of Martha H. Hoxie:		
In trust for Brummana Mission		1000.00
Estate of Hannah H. Goddard, for Ramallah Mission		50.00
		$7,981.52

Expenditures

Expense of holding Yearly Meeting, 1900		$472.31
Committee on Freedmen		500.00
Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs		525.00
Peace Association of Friends in America		100.00
Return of temporary borrowings		1000.00
Interest		53.28
Printing and copying		471.61
Repairs on Meeting House at Newport		22.10
Insurance on Meeting House at Newport		22.50
Insurance Maryville buildings		177.75
Attorney in matter of Hoxie bequest		10.00
Finance Committee expenses		1.87
Treasurer's expenses		3.84
Balance on hand	$621.31	$7,981.52

Boston, Sixth Month, 17th 1901 Joseph D. Wood, Treasurer

Portland, Sixth Month 14th, 1901

Examined with vouchers and found correct.

Thomas Ward
Charles Sisson
Susan H. Meader
W. M. Bailey

48. As noticed in the foregoing Treasurer's Report, bequests have been made to this Yearly Meeting of funds, the income to be used for the various purposes designated in extracts from the wills of the donors, Julia Ann Bryce and Hannah H. Goddard, respectively, as given below.

We feel great thankfulness that the Lord put it in the hearts of our late dear friends to devise a portion of their estate for carrying on the work in these needy fields.

The proper disposal and investment of these funds is referred to the Permanent Board.

Item from the Will of the Late Julia Ann Bryce, of Lynn, Mass.

Will dated Twelfth Month 15th, 1888.

Twenty-fourth: To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England for the Western Indians under its care, One Thousand Dollars; for the "Friedmann's Normal Institute" at Maryville, Tenn., One Thousand Dollars, also under its care; and for the Mission at Ramallah, Palestine, One Thousand Dollars, under the care of its Committee on Foreign Missions.

Item from Codicil to above Will.

Codicil dated First Month 25th, 1890.

Third: It is my will that the bequests to ..... The Western Indians, The Ramallah Mission, The Maryville Institute ..... each be known as the "James P. and Julia Ann Bryce Fund," and it is my will that if in the judgment of my executor he may need two years after his appointment to pay the bequests mentioned in this item, he may be allowed the same without the payment of any interest.

Item from the Will of the Late Hannah H. Goddard

I give and bequeath to Ramallah Mission, Fifty Dollars.

49. Adjourned to 3.30 this afternoon.

50. Met at the hour of adjournment.

51. The report of the Committee on the Supervision

of the Liquor Traffic has been made. As recommended in that report, we conclude to refer to the next Five Years Meeting the subject of the union of all American Churches in a convention to promote united action of the entire church against the evil of intemperance.

Report of the Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic To the Yearly Meeting:-

We believe that divine blessing has richly rested upon the labors of the Committee the past year. Twenty-one lectures and addresses have been given. We are glad to report also that a considerable number of temperance sermons have been delivered by members of the committee. About sixty thousand pages of temperance literature have been distributed, also we member reports having placed some excellent temperance books in some small libraries.

Another member has done excellent work visiting schools with Sewall's charts, and demonstrating before the children the fearful effects of alcohol on the stomach and other parts of the body.

The committee recommend that the Meeting take the same course New York Yearly Meeting has taken in regard to a conference of the Yearly Meetings on the subject of temperance, as shown by the "American Friend" of Sixth Month 13th.

Notwithstanding our efforts seem feeble when we behold the mighty power of the "rum traffic", yet the same mighty God that was with Nehemiah and enabled him to slowly perform the great work before him, the same mighty God that was with William Lloyd Garrison and Wendell Phillips, and scores of others in their earnest efforts against slavery, is the same omnipotent Leader that is leading us in our work; and as the walls of Jerusalem were completed and as slavery gave way before the power of Almighty God, so we believe the same God will, through the faithful efforts of His children, in His own good time abolish the liquor traffic. Let us with wholehearted zeal labor faithfully to this end.

For the Committee,

Frank E. Jones, Secretary.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic

Receipts

Balance from last year	19.38
Cash returned by Hannah J. Bailey	4.00
Received from fraction Monthly Meetings	77.35
	$100.93

Expenditures

Paid Mary A. Chace on account of literature	$16.00
Paid Adeline F. Chace on account of lectures	10.19
Paid Hannah J. Bailey on account of lectures	74.74
	$100.93

Respectfully submitted,

Elisha T. Read, Treasurer.

Woonsocket, R. I. Sixth Month 12th, 1901.

52. The Committee on Peace have presented their report, the general tone of which gives us hopefulness even in these times when our own country as well as England is engaged in war. We desire to encourage our Committee and our membership to effort in all possible ways to promote a peace sentiment.

Report of the Committee on Peace.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Since our last report twelve lectures and addresses have been given by Mary J. Weaver and others under the direction of the Committee. Fifteen thousand pages of tracts, as well as some books and periodicals have been distributed, and aid has been given to the American Peace Society by increasing the circulation of the Advocate of Peace.

One of the lectures was given at Oak Grove Seminary and one at Providence School.

In the little that we have done, we have sought to keep in view the thought of the Lord's design for the world to enjoy universal peace and good will, and that the spirit of war must give way to the spirit of the Prince of Peace.

We are glad that some of our ministers have faithfully treated the subject and taught a sincere and holy love of country.

The public meeting at Newport at the time of our last Yearly Meeting seems to have been productive of good.

Among the many forces which are operating to mould public opinion and to aid the cause, we thankfully note the increasing influence of the Mohonk Conference which is called annually by our friend, Albert K. Smiley. Two members of our Committee attended the one just closed, and were much pleased to see the steadfast purpose and growing confidence which the noblest men of our land hold, that the Hague Court of Arbitration shall be a great and crowning success.

If in the making of this great tribunal, our ideal is not at once attained, we may see at least, a distinct beginning of a new era in the advance of practical Christianity.

Able writers are making clear that wars among Christian nations are entirely needless. When once a really settled confidence is established in judicial measures for meeting controversies and establishing justice among the nations we may well regard it as an assurance that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh, and that He will reveal to His people a better understanding of His will than has ever been known before.

There is a call for courage in connection with our sincere convictions regarding this part of the Gospel. Let us be optimists even if we may seem visionary; thereby we may be able to introduce others into the vision which is given us of the good that is to come.

The late Benjamin Harrison, on receiving his appointment to the Arbitration Court, said, "It is by a spirit of love and forbearance mastering the civil institutions and governments of the world that we shall approach universal peace and adopt Arbitration methods of settling disputes."

To promote and foster the spirit of love and forbearance which this great statesman deemed so essential may perfectly and gladly engage our earnest attention and effort, as we think of the generations that shall hereafter reap the harvest of blessing.

For the Committee.

Samuel Buffum. Secretary

Portland, Me. Sixth Month 17th. 1901.

Treasurer's Account of the Peace Committee
of New England Yearly Meeting.

Receipts

Amesbury Bible School	2.40
Salem Monthly Meeting	6.00
Uxbridge "	5.00
Providence "	12.00
Westport "	6.00
Swansea "	3.87
A Friend of the Cause	20.00
Dartmouth Monthly Meeting	1.50
Bristol "	2.13
Rhode Island "	5.39
Winthrop "	4.14
Smithfield "	1.00
Weare "	2.00
Berwick "	5.00
	$76.43

Payments.

American Peace Society	$25.00
Hannah J. Bailey	25.00
American Peace Society	13.22
Hannah J. Bailey	13.23
	$76.45

The amount contributed to the American Peace Society being used for the circulation of the "Advocate of Peace".

The amount paid Hannah J. Bailey, to cover expenses of Peace lectures in New England.

Thomas Ward, Treasurer.

Portland, Sixth Month 17th, 1901.

53. The answers to the Queries of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, together with a minute of the exercise of that meeting, has been read.

Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. Summary Answers to Queries.

I. We are diligent in attending our meetings for worship and discipline, with little exception, and

generally careful to promote the attendance of our families.

II. With the exception of a deficiency reported from one Quarterly Meeting, we are in unity one with another and with the meetings to which we belong, harmoniously laboring together in gathering to Christ.

III. We are engaged frequently in searching the Holy Scriptures, prayerfully seeking a right understanding of their contents, and are generally careful not to misquote or misapply them.

Minute of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

It is of the utmost importance that a correct relationship be maintained between parents and children. During the earlier years of the child's life the parents will should be the will of the child. The child should be trained to the habit of prompt and implicit obedience. Great is the responsibility of the parent during this formative period. Mistakes made then are almost if not quite irreparable. No parent is qualified for the holy and important work of child training until he himself has learned obedience in the school of Christ and can draw from above the wisdom that is profitable to direct. The child that through love is wisely controlled and his activities carefully watched and directed will almost unconsciously become interested in that which interests the parents. If they make the things of the kingdom of heaven first, the child naturally will do the same; if, however, these things are allowed to become mere matters of convenience or inclination, the child will not be likely to find them attractive. If children are brought up to attend meetings as a matter of course, a taste for meeting going is almost instinctively developed.

The question of self interest, so frequently asked, especially by those of a certain age, "What shall I get out of it?" should be met by the counter query "What can I contribute to the meeting to make it more profitable to myself and others?" The love that makes covenant by sacrifice will cause the best that is in others to be found. In order that our young people may be kept free

as they merge into manhood and womanhood, we must make them feel that we need them. Work should be provided for them suited to their mental and spiritual capacity.

The church needs all of her workers - the most highly educated with their native and acquired powers consecrated to the Lord, as well as those whose educational advantages have been more limited and whom circumstances have debarred from many privileges for culture enjoyed by others; yet all being filled with the Spirit and clothed with righteousness and true holiness should be made to feel and know that they are absolutely indispensable to a church that would be completely equipped for service in the world.

Parents and others should carefully avoid before children all unkind or unchristian critisism of ministers or of any service in a meeting. Prejudices are easily formed in the minds of young people, which may affect their whole future lives. While God has bestowed the gift of the ministry upon the individual, the minister himself is God's gift to the church, and ought to be most sacredly cherished. When a gift in the ministry has been received by an individual, it is for the edification of the church and never as an article of merchandise.

In order to increase our capacity for receiving, we must cultivate the habit of giving. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; there is that witholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." The more valuable and important the gift, the greater the necessity of using it wisely; and a correct appreciation of it will place its possessor under a very intense feeling of responsibility. The church should recognize her indebtedness to the ministry and should accord to it the dignity and honor inherent to it. She should instruct her young men and women that they can receive no higher honor than to be called of the Lord to deliver his messages to the people and that the honor thus conferred should produce in the individual the most profound humility.

Diligence in business is in no wise incompatable with the exercise of one's gift in the ministry. Some of the most effective service ever rendered to the church and to

the world has been performed by messengers who mingled with their fellows upon the common plane of daily life as they honestly strove to "provide things honest in the sight of all men." When however the call of the Lord is of that character that obedience thereto makes it necessary for the individual to forsake all business interests, there should never for a moment be any hesitation, querying, "What shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or wherewithal shall we be clothed? For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." And He has promised that they shall be added unto you, and his promises fail not.

True success in preaching does not depend simply upon the power of truth, or eloquence, or character, or original thought, but upon a knowledge of God, growing out of a life completely surrendered to Him. This and this alone, qualifies the individual to be a messenger for the Most High and renders the message effective to those to whom it is sent.

54. The report of the Committee in charge of the income of the H. H. Mosher Fund is satisfactory, and is as follows:

Report of the Committee on the Disbursement of the H. H. Mosher Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee has subscribed this year for 367 copies of the American Friend and 75 copies of the Friends Missionary Advocate. It has been felt that a large part of our income could be most profitably used in this way, while at the same time it was best to reserve some for the distribution of other literature.

Two hundred copies of a little book, entitled "A Man of Plain Speech," description of the neighborhood and times of Robert Barclay, have been distributed. There has also been some call for more copies of several books distributed in past years. A few copies of the two tracts mentioned in last year's report have also been sent out, and the Committee would be glad to furnish them to any who feel that they could use them profitably among those enquiring as to the view of the Society of Friends. It may interest the Yearly Meeting

that a few once sent out to Wilbur Estes at his request.

The Pocket Almanac has also been supplied to the men [illegible] of the Spring Meeting. It was believed it would be especially valuable to those called to visit other meetings in religious service.

For the Committee,

D. P. Atherton, Secretary.

Committee on Income of H. H. Mosher Fund.

Treasurer's Account.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	$59.61
Received from Trustees	650.07
	$709.68

Payments.

56 copies	"Brief View of Society of Friends"	$1.52
208 "	"Man of Plain Speech"	120.60
16 "	"What Society of Friends Believe"	.38
75 "	"Missionary Advocate"	37.50
105 "	"Pocket Almanac"	5.05
367 "	"American Friend"	496.10
12 "	"Golden Clew"	3.00
6 "	"Rising Veil"	4.32
9 "	"Dynamic Faith" (for examination)	7.20
9 "	"Sybil Jones and Rebecca Collins" (for examination)	.86
Postage, express gummed labels, etc.		13.46
		689.99
Balance to new account		$19.69

John Edward Paige, Treasurer.

Lynn, Sixth Month 10th, 1901.

55. The Trustees of the H. H. Mosher Fund report as follows:

Report of Trustees of H. H. Mosher Fund

Dr.

Balance reported Sixth Month, 1900	$13,590.56
Interest on City of Boston Bond	500.00
" at New Bedford Institution for Savings	57.74
" at Lynn Institution for Savings	89.78
	$14232.08

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			$ 2,532.01
10th Mo. 15th 1900	Treasurer of Book Committee	$250.00	
4th Mo. 26th 1901	" " "	250.00	
5th Mo. 4th 1901	" " "	150.07	
			650.07
			$13582.01

The Funds are now invested as follows:

City of Boston Bond	$10000.00
New Bedford Institution for Savings	1419.57
Lynn Institution for Savings	2162.44
	$13582.01

Charles M. Bailey
Olney T. Meadow } Trustees
Joseph D. Ward

56. Copies of the report of the American Board of Foreign Missions have been sent to this meeting for distribution. The report calls for an appropriation for expenses, which we refer to the Finance Committee.

57. The report of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society has been read, and the large amount of detailed work done by the Society is greatly appreciated.

Report of Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

	Auxiliaries	Members	Women in 8 in. Y.M.	Honorary Members	Public Meetings
Rhode Island	7	124	397	22	27
Salem	6	116	315	27	8
Sandwich	4	50	236	1	1
Falmouth	4	67	195	3	4
Smithfield	3	65	138	9	7
Vassalboro	2	47	154	12	1
Dover	1	8	54	0	0
Fairfield	2	32	281	8	4
Parsonsfield	2	22	56	0	0
Totals	31	531	1,846	82	52

We report the same number of auxiliaries, with a decrease of twenty-seven in membership and eight honorary members less than last year. One auxiliary has been given up, but we are glad to report the organization of a vigorous new one at Stafford Road, with a membership of eleven.

Westport reports the death of one of its members, a deaf mute and says, "We miss her quiet presence and generous aid in all our little meetings, but realize she is living now where the "ears of the deaf shall be unstopped and the tongue of the dumb sing."

There are still forty-three meetings for worship where there are no auxiliaries. We trust a way will open to our Quarterly Meeting Vice Presidents in the coming year to organize new auxiliaries within the limits of these meetings. Last year we reported four women enough to make a thriving auxiliary, and this year that little company has raised $1.25 per member above the average.

Of the fifty-two public meetings, twenty-seven were in Rhode Island.

Except in some of the country auxiliaries in the winter, and in a few city societies during the heat of summer, the monthly meetings have been regularly held and have been opened with Scripture reading and prayer and the repeating of texts. In one, the voices of all the members present are often heard in prayer. This is mostly followed by reports and the reading of something on missions by one member while the others sew for the benefit of the society.

A mothers meeting at Winthrop has been specially helpful. Beautifully written letters from the girls who are being educated at the Home in Ramallah help us to realize the value of the work there.

Several auxiliaries use the Uniform Lesson given in the Advocate. At one, a light tea is always served, to which the men of the meeting are invited, and all remain to a meeting in the evening for which a simple missionary program is prepared. Portland has a committee of one appointed at each meeting to prepare a program for the next.

The money is raised in various and legitimate ways, and by no means the least are the Thanksgiving Boxes

Most are careful as auxiliaries to [illegible] their funds for the [illegible] for which we are pledged. There have been $201.71 used for [illegible] etc. for the [illegible] sent to Ramallah and Oklahoma.

At the Indian Missions the work progresses with little variation from the plan pursued last year. Accounts of adult Indians who have been led, through the powerful efforts of Elizabeth Test and Lina Bellout, to confess their sins and find peace and delight in a Christian life are very interesting. The old wild Indian life is born and bred in those people, and those who deal with them need a full share of the charity that "suffereth long and is kind."

At Ramallah the society is responsible for the salaries of the principal of the school and her three assistants, and for the education of fourteen girls, which is one more than last year.

For the benefit of the eleven societies who support or assist in supporting certain girls at Ramallah, we repeat their names.

Newport	Angelina Bekmesian
South China	Nabeha Barakat
Winthrop Centre	Galeelie Audi
Winthrop King's Children	Emily Karam
Westport	Helanie Dahdi
Portland	Fomea Sifry
Durham	Amelia Abdoo
Vassalboro	Azeezie Rafeedie
Lynn	Hannie Rafeedie
Boston	Victoria Bekmesian
Weare ($10.00)	Badea Malouf.

Alice M. Hartford

Portland, Sixth Month 13th, 1901.

Report of the Superintendent of Literature.

From 4th Month 1st 1900, to 4th Month 1st, 1901.

To the W. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting:—

From the accounts received from the thirty-one auxiliaries of our Yearly Meeting, we gather the following:

Number of members in auxiliaries	531
Number who subscribe to Missionary Advocate	154
Number of Missionary Libraries	13
Number of books in Missionary Libraries	165

The tracts, ($2.00 worth) sent out by the Superintendent have been distributed by the auxiliaries, or are kept for circulation in their Missionary Libraries. Several auxiliaries have obtained and distributed additional literature. Three dollars worth of leaflets and tracts are reported as distributed by six of the auxiliaries. One auxiliary invested its literature fund in books for help in preparing the lesson. Another reports having every number of the Missionary Advocate on file from its first publication. Several have obtained the report of the Ecumenical Conference for their libraries.

Two auxiliaries needed all the money raised for the support of their girls in the much-loved Samallah Mission Home.

One report says "the seemingly greater need in other directions made it impossible for us to procure literature for distribution". The missionary literature of the various periodicals has proved interesting and helpful, and the largest auxiliary reports an increasing interest in missionary work.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth A. Gifford, Superintendent

Adamsville, R. I. Sixth Month 8th, 1901.

Report of the Superintendent of Proportionate and Systematic Giving.

To the W. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting:-

The statistics of this department, as reported by the auxiliaries are as follows:

Number of tracts distributed	267
Number of Thank Offering Boxes given out	323
Number of addresses delivered	9
Number who practice Proportionate Giving	159
Amount of Thank offering Box collections	$313.39

One auxiliary reports 8,145 pages distributed and another the reading of tracts in the meetings. It is satisfactory to be able to say that all the auxiliaries except East Lynn have reported, and most of them promptly, but there is still too much indefiniteness in the accounts, and while this is the case, we cannot have an accurate statement of the year's work of this department. This is a matter of business and should be managed in a businesslike way. When an auxiliary is preparing for the

opening of the boxes, let the Superintendent give or send to each member a little card or slip with the question "Do you practice Proportionate Giving?" These could be returned with the answer yes or no at the time the boxes are opened, and thus all these statistics collected at once. It is also desirable that the Superintendent keep a memorandum of the number of tracts she distributes, and others who assist in such distribution should be asked to report to her.

Our receipts from the boxes are not as large as last year. Contributions made to other missions under the care of Friends Foreign Mission Board may account in some degree for this deficiency, as funds may have been thus used which would otherwise have come into our treasury. It is good for us to have our interest in missions quickened by hearing of new fields, but this ought to arouse us to greater efforts and sacrifices, that while attending to these new calls, we may not neglect the work especially in our own charge, and which depends upon us as the human agents in its accomplishment.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah P. Atherton, Superintendent

Portland, Fifth Month 14th, 1901.

Report of Junior and Juvenile Work.

To the W. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting:

The nineteen little people who constitute the Anna M. Hussey Mission Band at Kalmell, Maine still hold their meetings once a week. During the past year their work has been for the Little Orphan's Home in Augusta while still keeping up an interest in Ramallah through correspondence and in other ways.

We have not been able to get a reply to inquiries regarding our sixteen little workers at Anthony, R.I. but have reason to believe that they are still busy upon little errands for Christ.

The Central Village, Mass. Band, organized in 1890 has disorganized and joined the W. F. M. S. in its work for Ramallah. We are sorry for we feel that it is far better for the children to have a definite part of their own, however small, in home and foreign mission work. May these children realize in some measure what a [illegible]

they have been doing all these years for little Kalamah Dahdal out in Palestine, and that through her this work will continue.

Our dear Kings Children of Montrose Centre, with the help of their friends, have gone on with their happy, helpful summer vacation work and have sent $60.00 as usual for our little child in Ramallah.

Newport, Worcester, and Portsmouth children seem to be busy for others.

We have had the privilege of visiting a little Christian community in the north of Maine, called Robie, where in First Month, a fine mission band of fifteen was organized for the purpose of working for Ramallah. Many of these children are active little Christians. They pray and testify in their weekly meetings and have had special answers to prayer. Their homes are scattered, but through the earnestness and sacrifices of their superintendent this and other difficulties are overcome. The children raise potatoes and other vegetables to earn money and hope to send a child to one of our mission day schools next year. Their faith is good for a still greater work later on.

Our girls at the Ramallah Training Home continue to sew garments for the poor like Dorcas of old, and raise flowers for the sick. They also do real missionary work in their homes during the vacations. Thus they are continually trying to pass on some of the blessings they themselves enjoy.

In our own New England the one great need is to find more leaders for the children. Let us more earnestly pray for consecrated service on the part of our young women that the Childrens work may move on.

Respectfully submitted,

Etta K. Johnston, Superintendent

Portland, Maine, Sixth Month 14th, 1901.

Report of Box Committee.

To the H. F. M. S. of New England Yearly Meeting:

On Eleventh Month 29th, 1900 three barrels and a large case were sent to the Bishopoo Mission, to which the

following auxiliaries or individuals contributed:

In Money

Swansea	$5.00	Woonsocket	$3.00
Bolton	1.50	Winthrop Center	5.00
Westport	3.00	East Parsonsfield	3.00
Wearn	1.00	Boston	10.00
Portland	5.00	Worcester	3.00
South Durham	2.00	Hallowell	1.00
Salem	4.00	Smith's Neck	3.00
Allens Neck	5.00	Vassalboro	2.00
South China	1.00		

Total $57.50

In Goods

Fall River	$15.00	Lynn	$5.75
South Portsmouth	4.00	Amesbury	7.00
East Lynn		Anthony	2.25
Newport	5.00	East Parsonsfield	
Sandwich		Providence	
Long Plain		Lawrence	2.00

Total $36.00

In all 93.50

Owing to the prevalence of small pox at Christmas the contents of the barrel intended for the Indians were not distributed at that time. Everything sent was very much appreciated by the missionaries, especially an Unabridged Dictionary and a new carpet for their sitting-room. There were many personal gifts in the barrels.

Six trunks filled with additions to the mission stores, were sent to Ramallah in Second Month with our young missionaries, Elihu and Amy Chase Grant.

Salem, Lawrence, Maplewood, Manchester, Newport, New Bedford and Anthony auxiliaries and Friends contributed in goods. The Committee regret exceedingly that they are unable to give the value of these packages. They contained many yards of dress goods, both cotton and woolen, a goodly number of sheets and pillow cases for both Girls and Boys Homes, cotton cloth, books and gifts for missionaries, teachers schools and Training Home

girls. One trunk belonging to a deceased Friend contained several bed-quilts.

Ramallah collection in money:

Bolton	$4.50	C. N. Y.	$3.00
Westport	2.00	Amesbury	.50
P. S. A.	1.00	St. Albans	1.38
Swansea	5.00	Hallowell	1.00
Long Plain	2.50	Boston	6.00
West Sidney	2.00	Lynn	1.00

Three Friends – Ruth N. Beede $.50
Moses O. Nichols $1.00
Evelyn A. Folsom $.50 $2.00
Total $32.88

One workers report that the trunks reached the Mission without having been disturbed at the custom house.

Respectfully submitted,
Guilelma C. Ward, for the Committee.

Report of Treasurer of the Womens Foreign Missionary Society from Fourth Month 1st 1900, to Fourth Month 1st, 1901.

Receipts

Balance from last year		$385.35
Amounts received from auxiliaries.		
Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting		
Swansea Auxiliary	$168.15	
Fall River Auxiliary	64.46	
Newport Auxiliary	87.00	
Providence Auxiliary	129.00	
Anthony Auxiliary	11.00	
Portsmouth Auxiliary	31.35	
Maplewood Auxiliary	9.09	
		$500.55
Salem Quarterly Meeting		
Lynn Auxiliary	$[illegible]	
Salem Auxiliary	2[illegible].00	
Boston Auxiliary	157.[illegible]	
Amesbury Auxiliary	51.50	
Lawrence Auxiliary	33.[illegible]	
North Weare Auxiliary	[illegible]	37[illegible]

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting		
Westport Auxiliary	$65.00	
Albany Neck Auxiliary	45.00	
Smith Neck Auxiliary	21.49	
Long Plain Auxiliary	15.00	
		$146.49
Fairfield Quarterly Meeting		
Winthrop Center Auxiliary	$71.00	
Hallowell Auxiliary	18.43	
		$89.43
Falmouth Quarterly Meeting		
Portland Auxiliary	$120.00	
South Durham Auxiliary	45.00	
East Durham Auxiliary	40.00	
Windham Center Auxiliary	12.50	
Friends in Casco	3.25	
		$220.25
Smithfield Quarterly Meeting		
Woonsocket Auxiliary	$65.00	
Bolton Auxiliary	50.00	
Worcester Auxiliary	93.00	
		$208.00
Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting		
East Vassalboro Auxiliary	77.00	
South China Auxiliary	65.00	
Unity Meeting	2.00	
		$144.00
Dover Quarterly Meeting		
North Berwick Auxiliary	$10.00	
		10.00
Parsonsfield Quarterly Meeting		
East Parsonsfield Auxiliary	17.50	
North Sandwich Auxiliary	8.00	
		$25.00
Total from Auxiliaries $1,722.55		
Contributions from Bible Schools.		
Providence	$10.00	
Fall River	12.75	
Somerset	[illegible]	

Portsmouth	$5.00	
Newport	1.00	
Anthony	1.00	
Hopkinsville	1.00	
Maplewood	1.00	
Central Village	2.50	
Salem	1.85	
Boston	20.96	
Lawrence	5.50	
Amesbury	4.51	
Lynn	5.26	
North Weare	4.50	
Hennikes	4.00	
South Deerfield	2.00	
Manchester, Maine	4.50	
		$90.18

From Junior Missions Bands

Kings Children of Winthrop Center	$65.00	
Holbrook Missions Band	1.57	
Worcester Missions Band	10.50	
Portsmouth Busy Bees	1.15	
		$77.72

From Christian Endeavor Societies

Boston	29.50	
Smith's Neck	5.50	35.00

Miscellaneous Receipts

Bath clothes contributed by Elizabeth Larkin	$9.00
Collections at Public Meeting at Newport	48.43
From Trustees of Permanent Fund	97.23
Edward L. Macomber, Administrator of will of late Olive Macomber	100.00
Memorial gift for Desire Aldrich from her children	100.00
Memorial gifts for Abby C. Gifford & Marianna Gifford by P.S. Aydelott	20.00
Memorial gifts for Lydia H. Wells & Olive Macomber, by M. S. Macomber	20.00
Etta S. Cates [illegible] at Ramallah	12.00

Friends at Fort Fairfield Maine for day scholar	$5.00	
William H. Perry	5.00	
A. W. Marfield toward life membership for Della D. Lowntree	4.50	
Freight rebate on barrels sent to Elizabeth Test	5.93	
		$4,25.09
Total receipts		$2,741.19

Expenditures

Paid Sarah J. Swift, Treasurer of Foreign Missions Committee:		
Salary of Katie Gabriel, Head Teacher in Training Home	$300.00	
Salary of three assistant teachers	190.00	
For support of fourteen girls in Training Home	910.00	
For two day scholars, by Etta S. Cates	10.00	
For one day scholar by Friends at Maple Grove	5.00	
For one day scholar by Lynn Auxiliary, Memorial for Lizzie M. Farley	5.00	
		$1,420.00
Paid Elizabeth Test:		
Salaries for herself and Lina B. Lunt	$600.00	
From Boston Y.P.S.C.E.	20.50	
From Smith's Neck Y.P.S.C.E.	5.50	
		$626.00
Paid Anna M. Gove, Trustee:		
Five Memorial gifts	$50.00	
Memorial gift for Desiree Aldrich	100.00	
Bequest from will of the late Olive Macomber	100.00	
Two life memberships	40.00	
		$290.00
Expenses of public meeting at Newport	$17.00	
Esther H. Thomas, Treasurer of Missionary Union, for membership dues	16.47	
Esther H. Thomas, Thanksgiving offering	2.90	
George H. Dickerman and Co. for 1000 Thank Offering Boxes	5.00	
Expenses on Thank Offering Boxes to D. P. Atherton	.25	
Guilelma C. Wood, Chairman Box Committee from Winthrop Central Auxiliary	5.00	

Lucy M. Ward, Friends share of expense of "Outlines on Systematic Study" prepared by committee for Ecumenical Conference	$11.08
Alice W. Marfield Cor. Secretary, postage	5.00
E. A. Gifford Superintendent of Literature	3.60
	$66.30
Total expenditures	$2411.30
Balance in treasury	329.89
	$2741.19

Memorial gifts have been received for:

Susan S. Meader	Marianna Gifford
Desire F. Aldrich	Lydia M. Webster
Abby C. Gifford	Olive Macomber

Life memberships have been received for:

Esther Jones	Hannah P. Ladd.

Money received from Auxiliaries by Chairman of Box Committee.

For Ramallah	$32.88
For Kickapoo Mission	57.50
	$90.38

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Meader, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, with vouchers for money expended.

Mary S. Paige, Auditor.

Trustees of Permanent Fund in Account with the Womens Foreign Missionary Society of New England Yearly Meeting, for the year ending Third Month 31st. 19

Receipts

Interest on H. J. Bailey's note	$66.00
Interest on Savings Bank deposits	17.87
Incidental interest	1.36
Donation by will of Olive H. Macomber	100.00
Memorial gifts from children of Desire Aldrich	100.00
Memorial gifts for Susan S. Meader, Abbie C. Gifford, Marianna Gifford, Lydia M. Webster and Olive H. Macomber	50.00
Two life memberships	40.00
	$375.23

Expenditures

Paid Susan H. Meader—

Interest on note	$64.00	
Interest on Savings Bank deposits	17.87	
Incidental interest	1.36	
Deposited in Amesbury and Salisbury Institution for Savings	324.00	
		$409.23

Funds on Hand

H. J. Bailey's note	$1200.00	
In Augusta Savings Bank	330.00	
In Amesbury and Salisbury Savings Bank	524.00	
		$2,054.00

Anna M. Gove, Treasurer for Trustees.

I have examined the foregoing account, with vouchers for the same, and find it correct.

For the Auditors,

E. W. Swan.

List of Officers of the W. F. M. S.

President - Phebe S. Aydelott, 344 Rock St. Fall River, Mass.

Vice Presidents - Myra E. Frye, Wordfords, Maine

Ruth S. Murray, Grove Street, New Bedford, Mass.

Corresponding Secretary - Alice H. Maxfield, Amesbury, Mass.

Recording Secretary and Corporation Clerk - Sarah D. Brown

22 Highland Street, Amesbury, Mass.

Treasurer - Susan H. Meader, 3 Sunderland St. Roxbury, Mass.

Quarterly Meeting Vice Presidents.

Rhode Island - Mary E. Kimber, Newport, R. I.

Salem - Lucy M. Ward, 19 Shaw Street, West Newton, Mass.

Sandwich - Harriet S. Davis, Long Plain, Mass.

Falmouth - Miriam C. Webber, Lisbon Falls, Maine

Smithfield - Sarah J. Swift, 22 Oak Ave, Worcester, Mass.

Vassalboro - Eliza P. Pierce, East Vassalboro, Maine

Dover - Almira B. Buffum, North Berwick, Maine

Fairfield - Elizabeth M. Hawkes, Manchester, Maine

Parsonsfield - Elizabeth S. Hoag, Whitefield, N. H.

Superintendents of Departments.

Proportionate & Systematic Giving - Elizabeth C. M. Gifford, [illegible] St.

New Bedford, [illegible]

Literature - Mary G. Taylor, Belgrade, Maine
Junior & Juvenile Work - Henrietta H. Winslow, Winthrop Center, Maine

Auditors

Mary [illegible] 50 Chatham St. Lynn, Mass.
Elizabeth H. Swan - 2 Dersee St. Boston, Mass.

Box Committee

Guilelma O. Ward - 4 Gleason Street, Dorchester, Mass.
Jennie W. Crosman - Mountain Ave. Swampscott, Mass.

Trustees of Permanent Fund.

For one year - Mary C. Winslow, Winthrop Center, Maine
For two years - Hannah & Bailey, Winthrop Center, Maine
For three years - Anna M. Gove, Seabrook, N.H.

58. A report of the doings of the African Board of Industrial Missions in this Yearly Meeting has been read.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Since the appointment of your committee to act with the "Advisory Council" the permanent organization of the Board of Friends African Industrial Missions has been formed. The meeting was held at Cleveland last Second Month. There were representatives from Iowa, New York, Western, Wilmington, North Carolina and Ohio Yearly Meetings. The members from New England were unable to be present.

The Committee arranged for the visit of Willis A. Hotchkiss within the limits of the Yearly Meeting from Eleventh Month 23rd to Twelfth Month 20th. During that time he visited the following places: Newport, Providence, Fall River, Swansea, Portsmouth, New Bedford, Worcester, Woonsocket, Bolton, Boston, Lawrence, North Weare, Amesbury, Lynn, East Lynn, Pittsfield, Dover, Winthrop, Augusta, Windham, Portland, South Durham, and Oak Grove. In these meetings the Gospel and Missions were earnestly presented. Appeals were made for funds for Friends African Industrial Missions. As a result there has been contributed for this work $911.95.

Newport	$230.00	Worcester	$25.00
Windham	82.50	South Durham	41.00
Woonsocket	18.00	North Weare	19.00
Lawrence	25.00	New Bedford	[illegible]
East Lynn	109.95	Lynn	[illegible]

Augusta	$15.00	Portland	$52.00
Dover	55.00	Winchester	63.00
Amesbury	11.00	Swansea	36.00
Fall River	12.00		

There has been received by the Committee $3.25 which has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Board.

For the Committee,

Jennie W. Crosman

Portland, Maine, Sixth Month 17th, 1901.

59. The Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee propose Frank E. Jones for General Superintendent subject to the approval of this meeting. That approval is given and the appointment confirmed

60. The Committee for that purpose have prepared a returning minute for all our visiting friends, expressive of unity with their company and services, which being acceptable to the meeting, the Clerks are directed to sign them on our behalf.

61. Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow-morning.

62. Fourth day morning the 17th met at the hour of adjournment.

63. The report of the Women's Committee on Purity has been read, viz:

Report of Women's Committee on Purity.

To the Yearly Meeting:-

The work of the Committee during the past year has been similar to that of previous years. A few meetings have been held, literature distributed, and personal work done. The money from last year's collection and from personal contributions has been expended for small loan libraries, which have been put into the hands of judicious persons for circulation. These books we think have been production of good and the Committee desire to continue and enlarge this department of work if funds are supplied.

The following communication has been received from

Fallowmeth Quarterly Meeting:

"A petition was presented for signatures to the Quarterly Meeting in Tenth Month last, from the Reform Bureau in Washington asking Congress so to amend the Constitution as to make polygamous laws impossible in any state or territory of the Union. This petition was sanctioned by the meeting and the clerk directed to return it with the endorsement of the meeting consisting of five hundred members."

For the Committee

Alice C. Earle, Secretary.

64. The report of the Christian Endeavor Union of the Yearly Meeting has been read. The work of our young friends gives us hope and courage for the future, and we bid them God speed.

Report of the Christian Endeavor Union.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends – We are glad to report a deep interest in the work for Christ and the Church. Very encouraging reports have been received from all the societies in the Union, save two.

Active membership numbers	608
Associate membership numbers	127
Honorary membership numbers	53
Number of accessions to the church	10

We are glad to report a decided increase in missionary interest, and, we believe, an intelligent interest that will last. Now that our own missionaries Elihu and Alvy Chase Grant are really in the field we feel responsible for their support and follow them to their far off home with our prayers.

Through the efforts of the Evangelistic Committee several societies have been visited and several direct conversions and renewals have taken place.

As we look back, we feel we have much to thank God for; as we look forward, we realize there is even greater work in store for our Union.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Edward Kelsey, President

Clara D. Hawke, Secretary.

65. Epistles have been received from all the Yearly Meetings of Friends with which we correspond, and from the Friends

Meeting at Ramallah; also replies to our Epistle of 1900, addressed to Friends scattered abroad, have been received from Boshang [illegible] from Auckland Monthly Meeting, New Zealand; from the secretary of the Friends Foreign Mission Association in Madagascar; from Friends in South Africa and from a Committee of Missionaries of the Friends Foreign Mission Association in Syria.

Essays of Epistles, prepared by the Committee on Correspondence to London and Dublin Yearly Meetings, an Epistle to all the American Yearly Meetings, letters to Friends in isolated parts of the world, a letter to the children and one to the aged, sick and afflicted have been read; all of which having the approval of the meeting, the clerks are directed to sign them on our behalf and forward.

66. Recommendations of the Finance Committee are approved and are as follows:

Recommendations of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee recommends that $2,500 be raised for the use of the meeting the coming year, and that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow sums not exceeding in amount $2000, as may be needed before the quotas are received from the Quarterly Meetings.

It recommends that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the following appropriations:

For Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs	$525.00
For Freedmen (Maryville Institute, current expenses)	500.00
For loan to Maryville Institute for repairs if needed	500.00
For refunding W. Bosler Fund on account	250.00
For expenses of Finance Committee	25.00
For proportion of expenses of administration of American Friends Board of Foreign Missions	50.00
	$1,850.00

Your Committee further recommends that the Yearly Meeting direct the Trustees of the B. F. Stanton Fund to pay, in Tenth Month next, the Yearly Meeting's note, given on behalf of Maryville Institute drawn in 1895.

The Committee also recommends that each Quarterly Meeting send forward one half of its quota by the first of Eleventh Month and the remainder by the first of Fifth Month of each year, and that the Letter of Dining be reprinted in this year's minutes.

In accordance with Minute 52 of 1897 we recommend the

same apportionment of Yearly Meeting expenses among the Quarterly Meetings as last year, which is as follows:

Rhode Island	22¼ %	Salem	15½ %
Sandwich	20¼ %	Falmouth	8¾ %
Smithfield	6¼ %	Vassalboro	5½ %
Dover	4 %	Fairfield	12½ %
Parsonsfield	2 %		

For the Committee,

Deborah P. Atherton, Financial Secretary

A Plan for Christian Giving

(See page 389)

Note.- The Uniform Discipline contemplates no Preparation Meetings. The rules in this plan will apply to local meetings equally well.

67. Nominations for standing committees, made from session to session by the Nominating Committee, have been confirmed and the appointments made.

68. The Clerks are directed to have a number of copies of the Minutes of this meeting, which they may decide to be sufficient, and other necessary matter, printed and sent down to our Quarterly Meetings. Also to procure a reprint of one thousand copies of the London General Epistle for 1901.

69. The Clerk is directed to convey to the Railroad management our thanks for reduced rates to Friends attending the Yearly Meeting.

70. This meeting adopts the following resolution presented by the Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic, a copy of which the Clerk is directed to forward to the President of the United States.

Resolved - That we believe that Congress took a step in the right direction when it passed the Act abolishing the sale of liquor in the army canteens. We believe that it is wrong for the United States Government

to authorize the sale of alcoholic drinks at army posts, thus tempting many of the young soldiers who must not use for it themselves.

Observation and reason, and the truth, as far as we are able to discern, lead us to believe that the present law is in the interest of the soldiers and of good government, and we will faithfully do all we can to sustain them.

71. In closing this our first yearly meeting in the twentieth century, we gratefully acknowledge the goodness of our Heavenly Father in preserving us in true fellowship and brotherly love and in granting us His own supporting and enabling grace. With the prayer upon our hearts that He may continue to help us in all our living and doing, we now close the sessions of this meeting, proposing to meet in Newport, R.I. next year if so permitted.

Signed in behalf of the meeting,

John Ellwood Paige
Deborah P. Atherton Clerks.

Officers and Committees

Clerks

John Edmund Paige, 50 Chatham Street, Lynn, Mass.
Deborah P. Atherton, Uxbridge, Mass.

Treasurer

Joseph D. Ward, 215 State Street, Boston, Mass.

Correspondents.

George C. Herbert, 17 Chatham Street, Lynn, Mass.
Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Center, Maine

Clerk of Permanent Board.

Daniel C. Harfield, Amesbury, Mass.

Clerk of Yearly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.

Charles H. Jones, Amesbury, Mass.

Committee of Arrangements.

For One Year

John J. Frye	James M. Estes
Susan F. Boie	Exil Estes

For Two Years.

Lewis M. Douglas	John F. Kimber
Myra E. Frye	George C. Herbert

For Three Years.

Robert P. Gifford	Alice W. Harfield
Hannah J. Bailey	Thomas Ward.

Permanent Board

For One Year

Charles A. Chace	South Swansea, Mass.
Susan H. Meader	3 Sunderland Street, Roxbury, Mass.
William Thompson	New Bedford, Mass.
L. Maria Jones	Windham Center, Maine
Daniel Wheeler	Uxbridge, Mass.
George H. Cater	Vassalboro, Maine
Mary Bangs	Dover, N.H.
A. Edward Kelsey	Winthrop Center, Me.
John B. Cortland	North Sandwich, N.H.

For Two Years.

Phebe S. Aydelott	Fall River, Mass.
Charles E. Thornlike	Concord, N.H.
Elizabeth C. Ewer	Sandwich, Mass.
J. [illegible]	Windham Center, Me.

Deborah P. Atherton	Newbridge, Mass.
Nellie C. Hawes	North Chinas, Maine
Stephen C. Meader	
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Maine
Will T. Weeks	

For Three Years.

Augustine [illegible]	Providence, R. I.
Daniel C. Marfield	Amesbury, Mass.
Susan F. Thompson	New Bedford, Mass.
Melvin M. Bailey	Portland, Maine
Emeline H. Tuttle	Woonsocket, R. I.
Eliza P. Pierce	East Gardiner, Maine
Timothy B. Hussey	North Berwick, Maine
J. Warren Hawkes	Manchester, Maine
Silas H. Cartland	East Parsonsfield, Maine

For Four Years.

John [illegible] Kimber	Newport, R. I.
Joshua L. Macomber	East Mattapoisett, Mass.
Sarah J. Swift	Worcester, Mass.
Ellison [illegible]	Portland, Maine
Susan F. [illegible]	Sandwich, Mass.
Joseph D. Ward	215 State Street, Boston, Mass.
J. Ellwood Paige	Lynn, Mass.
Anna M. Hussey	North Berwick, Maine
Charles Dixon	Providence, R. I.

For Five Years.

Mary W. [illegible]	Winthrop Center, Maine
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.
D. Wheeler Swift	Worcester, Mass.
James M. Estes	Newport, R. I.
Robert P. Gifford	Providence, R. I.
Anna M. Gove	Seabrook, N. H.
William O. [illegible]	Lynn, Mass.
Olney T. Meader	Boston, Mass.
Mary E. Kimber	Newport, R. I.

Time of Meeting of Permanent Board

Lynn, Eighth Month 14th, 1[illegible], 3.30 P.M.

Newport, Sixth Month 12th, 1902, 5 P.M.

Providence Boarding School Committee.

For One Year.

D. Wheeler Swift	Samuel R. Buffington
James H. Chace	Peter M. Neal
Samuel Buffum	Robert P. Gifford
Rachel T. Howland	Ellen A. Buffum
Hannah J. Bailey	Anna G. Ward
Deborah W. Crossman	Deborah P. Atherton

For Two Years

William O. Newhall	Ruth S. Murray
Daniel C. Maxfield	Alice W. Maxfield
Emily M. Jones	Lewis M. Douglas
Stephen C. Meader	Olney T. Meader
Sarah Marble	Charles Sisson
Susan Peckham	A. Charkley Collins

For Three Years

Edward T. Tucker	Joshua S. Macomber
John J. Frye	Thomas Ward
Bessie T. Wing	S. Caroline Tobey
Sarah J. Swift	Rufus M. Jones
Charles H. Jones	Guilelma C. Ward
Asenath Tetlow	Mary A. Crossman

Real Estate Committee.

For one year – Robert P. Gifford For two years – James H. Chace

For three years – Charles Sisson.

Committee on Oak Grove Seminary and Bailey Institute.

Secretary – J. Warren Hawkes.

Treasurer – Joseph E. Briggs

For One Year

Charles M. Bailey	C. Irving Bailey
Isabel G. Bailey	Joseph E. Briggs
John J. Frye	Sophia D. Bailey
Hannah J. Bailey	A. Herbert Bailey
Emma S. Briggs	Myra E. Frye
George L. Crossman	

For Two Years.

J. Warren Hawkes	Eliza P. Pierce
Mary R. Jones	Elmora S. Wyndman

Ellwood W. Bailey — Edward H. Cook
Henry Winslow — [illegible] Jones
Ruthanna H. Washburn — Benjamin F. Chace
A. Edward [illegible]

For Three Years.

George H. Oates — William H. Douglas
Timothy B. Cussey — Melvin M. Bailey
Adeline F. Chace — Mary [illegible] Winslow
Anna M. Priest — Evangeline K. Bailey
Clara W. Bumford — Lettie M. Bailey
Sarah Marble.

Committee on Education.

Chairman - Augustine Jones.

Secretary - Anna F. Hall — Treasurer - John Ellwood Paige

For One Year.

Augustine Jones — [illegible] M. Jones
Anna F. Hall

For Two Years.

J. Ellwood Paige — Emily M. Jones
Elizabeth [illegible] Price

For Three Years.

Gertrude W. Cartland — Sarah Marble
Wilmot R. Jones.

Committee on Peace.

Chairman - Benjamin F. Trueblood
Secretary - Samuel Buffum
Treasurer - Thomas Wood
Committee on Lectures - Edward J. Bailey

For One Year.

Benjamin F. Trueblood — Boston, Mass.
Charles Sisson — Providence, R.I.
Samuel Buffum — [illegible], Me.
Hannah J. [illegible] — [illegible], Me.
Silas H. Cartland — East [illegible], Me.
Sarah [illegible] — Amesbury, Mass.

For Two Years

Thomas Wood — Boston, Mass.
James [illegible] — Newport, R.I.

H. Carleton Jones	Salem, Mass.
Anna J. Holmes	New Bedford, Mass.

For Three Years.

Gertrude H. Cartland	Newburyport, Mass.
Elizabeth L. Jones	South Chicago, Mass.
John J. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
Sarah D. Brown	Amesbury, Mass.

Committee on the Suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

Chairman - Arthur F. Chase, South Swansea, Mass.

Secretary - Lucy A. Brown, Windham Center, Me.

Treasurer - Elisha T. Read, Woonsocket, R. I.

Superintendent of Literature - Mary A. Chase, Manchester, N. H.

Superintendent of Lectures - Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Center, Me.

For One Year.

Lucy A. Brown	Windham Center, Me.
Louisa N. Meader	Saylesville, R. I.
William Ward	Lawrence, Mass.
Mary A. Chase	Manchester, N. H.
Richard Davis	Long Plains, Mass.
Adeline F. Chase	South Swansea, Mass.
Elizabeth A. Gifford	Adamsville, R. I.

For Two Years.

Joshua L. Macomber	East Mattapoisett, Mass.
Edward S. Hacker	
Elisha T. Read	Woonsocket, R. I.
Frank E. Jones	Swansea, Mass.
Arthur M. Hussey	North Berwick, Me.
Emily J. Weeks	Vassalboro, Maine
Alvano C. Goddard	Vassalboro, Maine

For Three Years

Arthur F. Chase	South Swansea, Mass.
Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Maine
Clara W. Berry	Winthrop Center, Me.
Leslie O. Meader	North Sandwich, N. H.
Albert N. Peaslee	South Pittsfield, N. H.
Elizabeth J. Roberts	Worcester, Mass.
Sarah V. McLellan	South Windham, Me.

Committee on Foreign Missions

Chairman - Timothy B. Hussey, North Berwick, Maine
Secretary - Susan T. Thompson, New Bedford, Mass
Treasurer - Sarah J. Swift, 22 Oakleon, Worcester Mass.

Executive Committee

Hannah J. Bailey	Melvin M. Bailey
Anna M. Hussey	William Thompson
Ruth F. Murray	A. Edward Kelsey
Olney T. Meader	Anna G. Ward

For One Year.

Timothy B. Hussey	Anna M. Hussey
Anna G. Ward	Augustine Jones
Hannah J. Bailey	Mary E. Kimber
Sarah J. Swift	George S. Crosman

For Two Years.

William Thompson	Susan T. Thompson
Ruth F. Murray	Robert A. Gifford
Ellen M. Jones	Olney T. Meader
Elizabeth Swan	A. Edward Kelsey

For Three Years.

Henry D. Swift	D. Wheeler Swift
Charles H. Thorndike	Guilielma C. Ward
M. Augusta Bartley	Melvin M. Bailey
Charles M. Wordman	Mary H. Jones of Winthrop Center.

Committee on Western Indians

Chairman - William O. Newhall, Lynn, Mass.
Secretary - Myra E. Frye, Woodfords, Maine.
Treasurer - Hannah Huffman, North Berwick, Maine

Associated Executive Committee.

William O. Newhall	Myra E. Frye
John J. Kimber	Emeline C. Tuttle
A. Chalkley Collins	

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Mary E. Kimber	Newport, R. I.
John J. Frye	Portland, Maine
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Hannah J. Bailey	Winthrop Center, Maine

Elizabeth A. Gifford — Adamsville, R.I.
Lillie M. Bailey — Portland, Maine

For Two Years.

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Sarah J. Swift — Worcester, Mass.
Elizabeth M. Hawkes — Manchester, Maine
Ellen R. Buffum — Providence, R.I.
Myra E. Frye — Woodfords, Maine
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Falmouth -	John Gatchell
Smithfield -	John Metcalfe
Vassalboro -	Linwood W. Jones
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Fairfield -	Joseph E. Briggs
Parsonsfield -	Silas H. Cartland.

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John Metcalfe

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For Three Years.

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Epistles.

To London Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:-

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you, through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord."

We have gathered in our annual assembly under a renewed sense of the love of our Heavenly Father, and as His messengers have come among us, and the various fraternal greetings have been read, we have felt the truth that, "one is your Master even Christ, and all ye are brethren." From the Pacific to the Atlantic coast, across the ocean to your land, from far away Australia and the mountains of Lebanon, has come the same sweet story, of redeeming and sustaining love. "What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits?"

This sense of Divine Love has found expression in active service for the Lord, and encouraging reports have been received from the various departments of Christian work. The little seed sown by faithful workers on the hill-sides of Palestine has, through Divine blessing, grown to a goodly tree shuttering many under its beneficent shadow. You, who so long were co-workers with us will rejoice in its success. And now our Christian Endeavor Union has shown its loyalty to our Lord and also to our own branch of the militant church by assuming the expense of a Boys' Training Home, which is soon to be opened at Ramallah. Remembering the words of the Master, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me," we trust the reflex influence of this effort will fall in increased blessing upon these young hearts.

We respond with keen sympathy to your remarks in regard to your beloved Queen. In her, was seen the bud and flower and fruitage of a gracious consecrated life, whose influence will long be felt.

Faithful, earnest messengers of the Gospel have exalted the Lord Jesus as a Prince and a Saviour. Among them we have welcomed our beloved friends William and Elizabeth Hoskin from your land. As of old, so now, God wonderfully blesses the spoken word, but the Christian minister should always remember that his theme should be, not a

theory, but a living Person. Many are seeking, as George Fox did of old, for some one to speak to their condition. Formerly in religious ceremonies disappoint some, a cold ideal of duty, like a beautiful marble statue, mocks the seeker after life. The voices of the world, so deafening, so deceitful, cannot answer the earnest inquiry, 'What is Truth'. The need of the world is Jesus; Only as the servant points to Him, who alone can set free from sin and death, can the longings of the soul be satisfied. There is however, no preaching Christ completely that does not include plain speaking about plain duties. In face of the realities of sin, in the midst of temptation and conflict, under the pressure of each individual environment, comes the injunctions of the apostle, "Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ." This requires the surrender of the inner throne of self. If Christ be king in heart and life, all will be in harmony.

We have joined the confederacy of Yearly Meetings by adopting ~~in~~ the Uniform Discipline for those in America. We trust this step will be the means of strengthening and uniting the Friends scattered over our broad land and enabling us, as a united body, to be more successful in our work for Christ.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends.

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland:-

Dear Friends.-

We thankfully reciprocate the brotherly affection expressed in your epistle. In it you allude to ministers from our country who have carried cheer and blessing to you.

The ministry of William Hobson who with his wife is with us from your side of the ocean has brought to us the ever new and glad tidings of God's love, with freshness and force. Other Gospel ministers have been acceptably with us through these beautiful June days in which our Yearly Meeting has been in session in the city of Portland. We think that through this ministry, as well as through the discussion of the various concerns in which we are engaged, there has been somewhat of an unfolding to our view of the Father's infinite love and the blessing which He holds in store for the obedient disciple.

Some traditional forms are fading away, and methods of religious activity are changing; but we thankfully believe that essential testimonies are not being disregarded and that the Divine Hand is indeed upon us for our good.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor now holds a place of high regard among us. In their earnest efforts to aid the work of the church and in their meetings for united worship they seem to be progressing in spiritual power and usefulness. These Young Friends have sent out and pledged the support of Elihu and Almy C. Grant who have, with sincere devotion and enthusiasm gone forth to conduct a Boys Training School in connection with our mission work at Ramallah in Palestine. The letters now passing between these far separated young Christians seem like an outward expression of the epistles of God's love and grace written upon the fleshly tables of the heart.

We thankfully note that our educational work in that land and also that under our care for the training of colored youth at Maryville, Tennessee are well conducted and are effective for good. Our two boarding schools in our own Yearly Meeting are also prospering.

Our testimony for total abstinence and for the prohibition of the corrupting trade in intoxicants is united and clear. Efforts in the cause of peace are not relaxed.

Primitive Christian views of peace are not outwardly popular in a great nation like ours, proud of its military and naval achievements; but we trust that the influence of sober thought may keep our country true to its traditional love of peace, along with its love of justice and liberty. We rejoice in the full establishment of the Bayou Court of Arbitration and we desire with you to cultivate that spirit of love and forbearance everywhere, which will make the decisions of that tribunal effective among the nations of mankind.

We would with mutual sympathy and love seek humbly in our day and generation to be fulfilling the Father's designs of light, life and blessing through obedience to the commands of our Good Shepherd, and are your friends

To the Meeting of Friends at Ramallah.

Dear Friends:-

We have read at this our annual assembly your letter to us and our hearts are encouraged by the hopeful message which you send.

How wonderful are God's ways of working with His children! How strangely He answers our prayers and supplies our needs! While you were praying for a development of your work, and desiring that a Boys Home might be provided, God in some way touched our hearts to feel an increased interest in the work, and in a small way we were permitted to answer your prayer. And while we are thankful for the little that we are thus able to do we rejoice in realizing that in blessing others we ourselves have been blessed. We are glad that our young people have taken upon themselves so large a share in this work (they are giving this year double the amount which they gave last year) and they feel a deepening interest in the Mission because two of their own number have been called thither by God. The bond of union between you and us is thus made stronger and the distance between us, though great in miles, seems very small as measured by the fulness of God's love.

We are especially glad, as we read your letter, to know how your influence for God is widening about you: to learn that the girls and boys are living Christian lives and are showing a real true Christian spirit amongst other girls and boys. How widely and clearly a good deed done in Jesus name shines like a candle, in the dark world around us.

How great must be the inspiration that comes to you from living in the very land where Christ lived and taught. How much the life of Christ as you read it in the New Testament must mean to you! But we pray that you who have this privilege, as well as we who cannot thus walk the paths trodden by His holy feet, may experience the Nearness of the inner life and of the consciousness of His constant presence in our hearts.

Our love goes out to you all — to you whom

we have never seen, and to those of our own [illegible] who have gone out to [illegible] among you.

"Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the [illegible] of love and peace shall be with you."

To the American Yearly Meetings.

Dear Friends;-

The New England Yearly Meeting of Friends sends greetings in the love of Christ to the Friends of ——— Yearly Meeting. "Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ." "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." May the bonds of a Christian brotherhood, prompted by a common love, a common faith and a common purpose, grow stronger and firmer, binding us together into a unity of heart and soul and work, thus fitting us the better to deliver our common message to a needy world. As a body of individual Christians scattered over a large continent, with different temperaments with different surroundings, and therefore with different problems, the Friends of America cannot be expected to all think alike or to work in the same way, but because of a common purpose and a common love for the same Christ, we can be bound together into a unity against which all the forces that would draw us apart shall be of no avail. The message of Quakerism abides, the method of presenting it changes with the times, the needs, the environment. We feel profoundly grateful to our Heavenly Father for the increased outward manifestation of union among all the Friends of America. Inwardly there has always been a deep feeling of brotherly fellowship and unity. The Uniform Discipline is, we believe, but the outward manifestation and application for practical ends of a spirit which has existed for many years. May the blessing of God rest upon it in this the work it has to do. As it comes into line with the spirit of the divine purpose for us as a people, God forbid that any note of discord should be sounded to break the Christlike harmony. Feeling as we do that because of this outward manifestation of a true unity of heart the Yearly Meetings of America are in reality nearer together than ever before, we speak of one or two lines of work with an assurance of your interest and sympathy.

The spiritual conditions in the rural districts of New England appeal to us as revealing a real need of the

preaching of the Gospel. The necessity of more definite organized effort on the part of the Yearly Meeting along this line of activity has deeply impressed itself upon us.

The work of the Yearly Meeting in Foreign Missions is centered at Ramallah, Palestine. Here the Girls School continues in its general line of progress. The Boys Home, supported by the Yearly Meeting Christian Endeavor Union, which was hoped for last year, is now a reality, and two missionaries, Elsher and Amy C. Grant are already on the field. We feel that these two schools are meeting a great need in that country. The thorough work which is being done in training the young people for a true Christian life, by giving to them a thorough mental, manual, moral and spiritual education, is changing, and will continue to change, we believe, the social and spiritual condition of the people.

We unite with the action of New York Yearly Meeting in asking the next Five Years Meeting to issue a call for a conference of all the Christian churches in America to take united action against the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

May the Lord's blessing rest upon you in your annual assembly as it has upon us in ours. May Heir work under your stewardship prosper. May the love of Christ bind us into a closer fellowship and a more perfect unity.

To be added to the above for Iowa:-

We have been interested in the reports from our two schools and are thus prepared to congratulate you on the privilege of upholding and cherishing Penn College. We rejoice with you upon your recent successful appeal for funds for that institution.

To Friends scattered abroad.

Dear Friends.-

Among the cheering and helpful things we have enjoyed at our annual gathering, none have touched our hearts with more tenderness and gratitude than the response to our letter of love and sympathy sent to you last year. It has so encouraged us and fixed you in our minds as being one with us, that we want to tell you that our Father in Heaven has been very good to us since we last wrote to you. He has taught us many lessons in our homes when our need have been supplied, when our sick have been made well again, when the things that have threatened us have been turned aside, and when He has taken some of our loved ones to be with Him in the better world, He has comforted us by his Spirit and his holy word.

We are glad for the many proofs in the letters you have sent us that you remember us and that you love to be busy in all kinds of work that will make people better and give higher thoughts of God and a deeper understanding of His will. Many kinds of work have been before us. In them all there has been true harmony. Love has been the rule in all our proceedings. Our Lord and Master has brought together a goodly number of evangelists, pastors and teachers. They have all labored cheerfully, faithfully and well. None can depart from this place with the excuse that He has not heard of the way of life. The same loving Head of the Church has provided faithful men and women to care for the business. These have counselled wisely and all affairs connected with these concerns have been disposed of in His fear and love.

A large number of young people in attendance has greatly cheered us; their lively interest in all the services and duties of the membership has strengthened us; their love and reverence for the truth of God, have made brighter our hope for the future.

As we have enjoyed the fulness and richness of the preached word, have listened to the melody of sacred song, have come in personal and general touch one with

another, have felt the new life rise within us, and soul has been joined to soul as members of the body of Christ, we have longed for the bodily presence of every member of our beloved Church on the face of the earth. That includes you. But this is not to be in this world. We can only write and try to tell you how much we love you.

Nearly three hundred years ago in Paris there was a little obscure society of believers in Jesus. One of its members for more than forty years had a continual "care to be always with God," and to do nothing, say nothing and think nothing which might displease Him; and this without any other view than purely for the love of Him and because He deserved infinitely more. We cannot mingle together, but we may each live and walk as He did, with Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

We shall want to hear from you again next year.

With a blessed hope in our risen Christ we are in love your friends.

To the Aged, Sick and Afflicted.

Dear friends:-

Many times during the sessions of the Yearly Meeting our thoughts have turned to you with strong sympathetic interest. We have missed those who, in the past have worshiped with us and have taken part in the deliberations of the meeting. But we remember with gladness the truth conveyed in the words of the dear Jesus when He said, "The hour cometh, and now is, when neither in this mountain nor yet at Jerusalem shall men worship the Father."

"In prayer on earth the saints are one,
In word, in deed, in mind,
When with the Father and the Son,
Sweet fellowship they find."

So we have sweetly realized that we may be worshipers together, and by prayer be helpers one of another.

How encouraging is the testimony of the apostle that "the effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much." How beautiful is the dispensation of our glorious gospel that makes it possible for the children of God to be laborers together with Him; whether it be by prayer in the closet of the heart for others, or by the activities of public service in the great harvest field.

"In the world is darkness
So we must shine,
You in your small corner
And I in mine."

When we read of the sufferings of Christ for us and how "Jesus being weary sat thus upon the well," and that "He trod the wine press alone," does it not make us glad that "to us it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake," if in our suffering or weariness or loneliness we may but shine faithfully.

Our attention has been called to the "exceeding great and precious promises" contained in the Bible for all those who love and seek the Lord with singleness of heart. We have been urged to read carefully and frequently the precious book, given to us by our

Heavenly Father for our instruction in righteousness.

As we have listened to the reports of committees concerning home and foreign missions, Gospel work, Bible schools, temperance, peace, etc. our hearts have been stirred anew with the desire to follow faithfully in the footsteps of Him who said, "I came not to do mine own will but the will of Him who sent me," We realize that with the added blessings of the last few days, have come to us added responsibilities; but we are glad to know that with every added responsibility there comes from God additional grace, wisdom and strength to supply our need.

With the call for more laborers comes also the demand for larger funds that the "good news" may be sent to those who have never heard the "old, old story, of Jesus and His love."

Is it not a blessed privilege for you as well as for us, that while in obedience to the exhortation of our loving Savior, we "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into His harvest," we may be used of God in answering this prayer by putting into His treasury a portion of that which He has given to us.

"If you cannot give your thousands
You may give the widow's mite.
And the least you do for Jesus
Will be precious in his sight."

As we extend to each of you a tender Christian greeting, our prayer is that "the blessing of the Lord which maketh rich" may enrich your hearts & lives.

To the children:-

The Friends of New England met for their yearly meeting in the pleasant city of Portland. They were glad to come together to wait upon the Lord because they wanted to know more of the Heavenly Father, to talk of Him and learn how to do better work for Him. They worshiped Him in the Friends' meeting-house. But he has other dwellings than those which men have built, and do you know children where these houses of God are? Many of you know, perhaps all do, if they will think a little. We cannot see these temples, but if they are really Christ's, we know they must be pure, without sin abiding there. Yes, these are the hearts of all men and women, girls and boys who love and serve Christ. So it is not simply the grown people who may be His temples, for Christ loves the children just as much and wants them to do his work.

Are you trying to think how what you can do for your Lord, and feeling He will not notice or care for your small work for Him? Then remember the Bible says if we are willing to work for the Lord, although we cannot do what seems great, He is just as glad for the little deed as for large service. He knows the heart that really loves Him, and the glad obedience of any child of His is pleasing to our Lord. There are so many ways in which we can do this; at school your studies are to teach you to grow better and wiser. If you learn the lessons well, then daily will you become more useful. Then too there is a right way to play the merry games. The apostle Paul said, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you live peaceably with all men." This means that beside believing great wars are very wrong indeed, we must learn to be able to act kindly, or speak unkindly for this is not "living peaceably."

It is while young that we should be careful to learn to be kindly in work, in play, in all

things. This will help others, for what is this
more it will help them.

The Yearly Meeting has not forgotten the children in
New England but has prayed that they might see
from the Divine one. There are children far away,
who do not have very much to make them glad.
Would you not like to send them some useful gift
which it may be you thought to keep for yourself, but
which will make their lives brighter.

Now let us try to think of our Savior in our
minds and pray, for the Bible says "Whatsoever you do,
in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord
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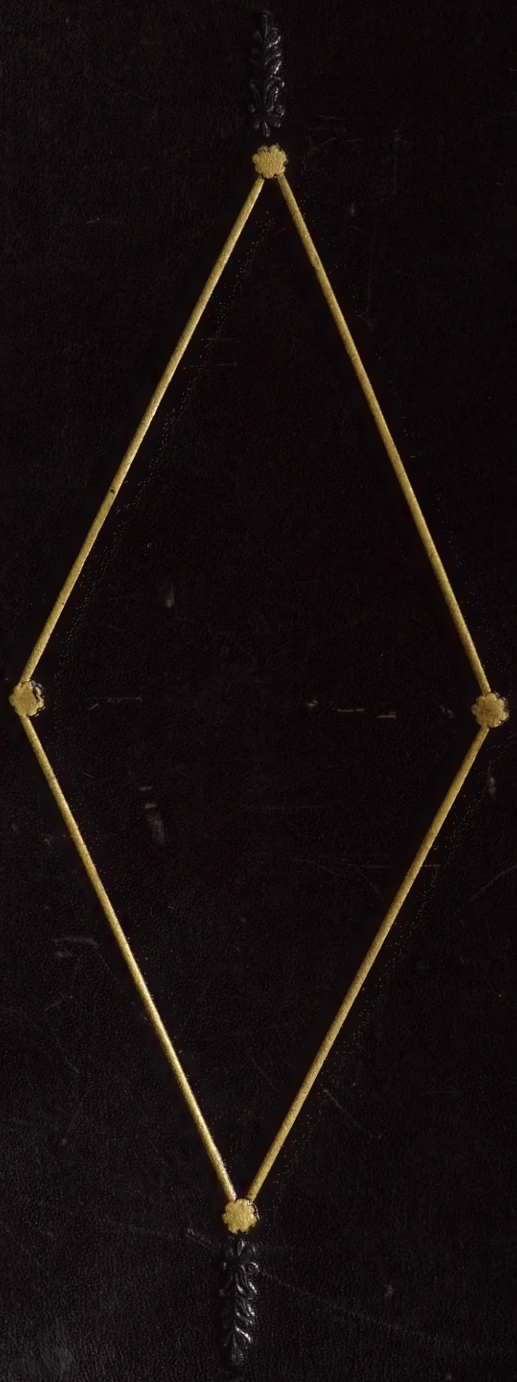
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